





## CABLED NEWS AND COMMENTS AND SPECIAL FOREIGN DISPATCHES TO THE DAILY WORKER

# 50th May Day Marks Rising Anti-Fascist Struggles--Pravda

## Soviet Press Hails Growing People's Unity, USSR Victories

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, April 27.—"This year marks the 50th anniversary of the glorious militant international holiday of the proletariat," Pravda writes today in an editorial on May Day.

"On this day the workers throughout the world will demonstrate their inflexible will to struggle against the capitalist system. On this holiday of international proletarian solidarity they will declare to the whole world in the words of Stalin that the workers bring mankind Spring and liberation from the chains of capitalism, that the workers are called upon to build anew the world on the basis of freedom and socialism."

### "HAPPY PEOPLES"

"The happy peoples of the Soviet Union are meeting the 50th anniversary of the May Day holiday with great achievements, with infinite bright prospects."

"The historic 18th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union outlined a majestic program of transition to communism."

"It is with love, pride and hope that the working people in the countries of capitalism look to the fairland of all the exploited and oppressed, to the fortress of peace, the great Soviet Union."

"The USSR is an unflinching beacon lighting the path to victory for all who are waging a courageous and self-sacrificing struggle against the fascist barbarians, against the evil-doings of the war-mongers."

"The more insolent the actions of the fascist violators, the higher rises the wave of protest of the wide masses of the people, the stronger grows the resistance of the peoples against the executioners and the enslavers."

"The Chinese masses, who have rallied into a united national front, are courageously defending their independence against the invasion of Japanese imperialism."

### ANTI-FASCIST UPSURGE

"The upsurge of the anti-fascist movement is taking place in France, Britain, the United States and other countries. This movement is growing as well in the states of fascist dictatorship."

"The idea of uniting their ranks, of consolidating their forces, as the main condition for successful struggle against fascism, is taking deeper and deeper root in the minds of the wide masses of the people."

"The working people in the countries of capitalism will meet May First in the conditions of the development of the second imperialist war."

"The reshaping of the maps of Europe, Africa and Asia is being carried out by force. In the stormy ocean of the capitalist world, which has been plunged into the abyss of war and is being shaken by a severe economic crisis, the USSR, the land of victorious socialism, arises like an impregnable rock."

"Great is the power of the socialist state which supports itself on the moral and political unity of Soviet society, on the fraternal alliance of the peoples of the Soviet Union, on its growing economic, political and cultural strength, on the invincible Red Army, Navy and Air Force."

### SOVIET POWER

"Mighty and independent, the Soviet power has steadily pursued and still pursues a policy of peace. Strong and invincible are the ties of friendship between the peoples of the Soviet Union and the working people of all countries who yearn for peace and hate war."

"The May Day slogans of the Central Committee of the C.P.S.U. strikingly reflect the majestic path of victories already achieved."

"The 18th Congress of the Bolshevik Party confirmed the Third Five-Year Plan for development of the national economy of the U.S.S.R.—the mighty plan for the building of communism."

### A PEOPLE OF CREATORS

"There is no doubt whatsoever that 10-15 years hence the U.S.S.R. will take first place in the world in the rate of per capita consumption. The guarantee of this is the tremendous creative upsurge in the town and country, the tempestuous development of the Stakhanov movement."

"Today, in the factories and on the collective farms, see not individual solitary heroes but a whole people of heroes, a people of creators. The Soviet people firmly and confidently are advancing to the heights of communism under the guidance of the great Party of Lenin and Stalin."

"After having smashed its enemies, rid its ranks of the Trotskyist-Bukharinist agents of the fascist secret services, the Bolshevik Party has become even more consolidated around its Central Committee."

"The closest ties link the Bolshevik Party with the wide masses of the people. The bloc of Party and non-Party Bolsheviks is inviolable."

## Mediterranean Is Key To Axis Sea Route Drive

### Soviet YCL Press Declares Campaign Is Part of World Domination on Offensive; Reveals Aim To Control British, French Sea Power

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, April 27.—"The Mediterranean and Red Seas have a big place in the Italo-German program of new conquests," the Komsomolskaya Pravda, organ of the Soviet Young Communist League, wrote today.

"The preparation of the offensive has been highly planned and organized. It is not an accident that the German navy chose Spanish waters for training exercises. This demonstrates the complete unity of the foreign policy of Berlin, Rome and Burgos."

"But it is characteristic that the most active role in the present Mediterranean campaign is being played precisely by the fascist state which has no outlet to this sea."

"German fascism, while upholding the 'natural aspirations' of Mussolini and Franco, has connived to outstrip to a significant extent its Italian and Spanish colleagues."

"The activity in the western Mediterranean is not an isolated event. The seizure of Albania strengthens Rome's domination of the Adriatic. Fundamentally, this domination has been assured before."

### CAN ESTABLISH BASE

"More important is that after establishing a firm foothold on the Balkan Peninsula, the Italian troops can establish a base for pressure on Greece and Yugoslavia, constructing beforehand military highways for invasion of the Vardar River valley (flowing from Yugoslavia into eastern Greece), thence towards Salonica and the Aegean Sea."

"At present, in event of a large-scale naval conflict, the Anglo-French navy would find it considerably more difficult to obtain control of the bases on the Greek coasts and islands."

"The third base of Italo-German activities in the Mediterranean is Libya, whence pressure can be put on Tunis. Besides this, Libya borders on Egypt, which is included in the plans of the Rome-Berlin Axis. It is planned to make the Nile an inner 'Italian Empire' river as it is planned to place all tributaries of the Danube under Germany's control."

### DOMINATION IS AIM

"The Rome-Berlin Axis also looks upon Egypt as an approach to the Suez Canal, as a connecting link between Libya and Ethiopia, as a springboard towards the Indian Ocean."

"But Gibraltar and Morocco, Salonica and Alexandria, are not objectives in themselves but means to establish domination of the Mediterranean as a whole, as desired by the Italo-German 'conquerors.'"

"But domination of the Mediterranean likewise is not an objective in itself for Berlin and Rome, but only a step along the road to fulfillment of a broader and more far-reaching plan."

"The fascist states are striving to deprive England of its 'Empire route' of London-Gibraltar-Suez-Bombay, are striving to intercept

the maritime routes between France and her African colonies, in an attempt to prepare the ground for a fundamental revision of the world."

### CONTROL OF SEA ROUTES

"The question is not only of revision of certain territories, but of domination of the world's maritime routes, of the German flag replacing the English flag as the symbol of the white man's rule in Africa and perhaps later in India too."

"Italian fascism and its Spanish underlings are satisfying themselves with the role of subordinates in this combination."

"The position of the Japanese ally of the Third Reich is different. Japan also has pretensions to domination."

"Berlin and Tokyo undoubtedly understand that there's no use in counting the chickens before they hatch. The forces of the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo triangle still greatly lag as before behind the forces of the democratic states."

"As a result of the events in Spain and Central Europe, the appetites of the marauders have been increased and they are now dreaming of new adventures. But there is no doubt that the outcome of these new adventures will invariably lead to catastrophe."

## Nazis Demand Lithuania Give Her More Trade

KOVNO, Lithuania, April 27 (UP)

—Nazis Germany has demanded a 25 per cent trade increase with Lithuania, which would force this nation to revise her entire trade system with other countries, well informed sources said today.

Negotiations to revise the trade between Lithuania and Germany will be undertaken immediately, it was understood, after which a joint trade commission would be established here.

The demands were interpreted unofficially as a prelude to others for virtual domination of Lithuania's economic life.

Germany turned its attention to Lithuania after taking over Czechoslovakia. Last month Germany annexed Memel, the port district.

### Slovaks Goosestep

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia, April 27 (UP).—The Army High Command announced today that the Slovak Army would use the German goose steps on parades in future.

## Welcomes Cultural 'Exiles'



ASSAILING NAZI "neo-barbarism," Secretary Harold L. Ickes welcomed to the U. S. the "cultural refugees" from Nazi Germany as men and women who can enrich America with their gifts. He is shown with Princess zu Lowenstein at the dinner given in his honor by the American Guild for German Cultural Freedom.

## Pittman Resolution Calls for Japan Embargo

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which was signed at Washington on Feb. 6, 1922, by the United States, Belgium, the British Empire, China, France, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands and Portugal.

### JAPAN BROKE TREATY

Branding Japan as a violator of this treaty, Pittman said that his proposal would give the government "authority to meet the restrictions that are being imposed upon our citizens in China."

Agricultural products are the only exemption from the general embargo made possible in the bill. While this would include cotton, which is of great importance in the manufacture of munitions, it was believed that this exemption was made to win the support of some wavering Senators and Representatives from the Southern cotton states.

Senator Claude Pepper of Florida, member of the Foreign Relations Committee and one of the principal supporters of the Thomas amendments, immediately gave his approval to the Pittman embargo bill.

"There is no reason," Pepper said, "why we should continue to aid a nation which has violated a treaty with us. Particularly when that nation is engaging in unwarranted and lawless aggression."

He expressed the belief that the new Pittman measure includes "the principle of the Thomas amendments" and that this now made possible a compromise between the supporters of several pending amendments to the act.

It was believed that Pittman introduced his bill in response to widespread criticism that his cash and carry substitute for the existing Neutrality Act while helping France and England in the Atlantic would aid Japan in the Pacific because of her tremendous naval superiority over China.

For this reason, Senator Thomas and those who sided with him in both houses refused to support the

Pittman cash and carry bill. Another group favors outright repeal of the act as the simplest way of dealing with the problem.

A number of witnesses who had spent many years in China as missionaries appeared before the House and Senate hearings on the Neutrality Act and created a powerful impression on Congress with their first-hand descriptions of how American munitions are being used against the Chinese people. They declared that the cash and carry bill would continue to play into the hands of Japan.

Dr. Charles Fenwick, noted authority on international law who testified as a representative of the American Union for Concerted Peace Efforts, proposed that the purpose of ending our aid to the Japanese aggressors could be accomplished by adding the Thomas amendments as part of the Pittman cash and carry bill.

While Pittman was unwilling to amend his bill directly in this way, a similar effect, at least as far as the Orient is concerned, is achieved by his new resolution.

Should both the cash and carry and embargo bills pass, Japan could be barred from all American materials except cotton, while China would have access to these materials on a cash and carry basis. Experts have stated that they believed China could hire Scandinavian boats to run the Japanese blockade.

Although a combination of these bills still does not write into American law as a general rule the principle that America will not trade with aggressors, it was believed that the two Pittman measures together would offer an acceptable compromise to supporters of repeal and the Thomas amendments should their original proposals fail of passage.

This would make possible a coalition capable of defeating the small but well organized group of Congressional isolationists who are in favor of maintaining the Neutrality Act and making it even more rigid and mandatory.

# 473 Clergymen Ask F. D. R. Act to End Franco Slaughter

## Defend Liberty, F. D. R. Tells Methodist Parley

### Letter to Parley to Unite Church Branches Calls For Union of People to Safeguard Freedom Of Conscience in America

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 27 (UP).—The Methodist Unification Conference held before it today a letter from President Roosevelt asserting that world democracies face the task of defending and perpetuating freedom of conscience which "has been trampled under foot" elsewhere.

"In the bitter conflict of principles and policies which we witness today the American nation will continue to sustain before all the world the torch of complete liberty of conscience," he wrote in a letter read to 900 delegates representing 8,000,000 Methodists in three branches of the church.

"Beyond the turmoil of the passing day we seek for peace, the peace that passeth understanding. With us freedom and order are moral requisites. Without freedom all is chaos. In sending my felicitations to the new Methodist Church which is to emerge from the uniting conference, may I express the hope that the spirit of unity will increase among all our people."

"The need for union is great, particularly so since to the democracies of the world has fallen the task of defending and perpetuating freedom of conscience."

Mr. Roosevelt's words were applauded by the delegates and by thousands of churchfolk who packed the huge Municipal Auditorium. After they were read, the Rt. Hon. Isaac Foot, Plymouth, Eng., a member of the Privy Council and former member of the British Parliament, agreed with the thoughts they expressed and said the political leaders of the world "must return to the New Testament" to find a solution of their problems.

The delegates, organized in committees to study the best means of effecting a unification of the Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Episcopal South and Methodist Protestant churches, heard Gov. L. D. Dickinson, of Michigan, appeal to President Roosevelt for a national day of prayer.

Committees and their chairmen, which began to function today, were:

Conferences, Geo. W. Henson, Philadelphia; missions, Dr. John R. Mott, New York; membership and temporal economy, Dr. W. Frank Bryan, Huntsville, Texas; military and judicial administration, Dr. Orlen W. Fifer, Cincinnati; Education, Dr. Paul W. Quillen, Houston, Texas; publishing, Alf M. Landon, Topeka, Kan.; superannuated support, Dr. Thomas S. Brock, Trenton, N. J.; ritual and order of worship, Dr. Oscar T. Olson, Cleveland.

### Fascists Demonstrate Against Americans

MARSEILLES, France, April 27 (UP).—Passengers aboard the American liner President Garfield reported today that they were subjected to a hostile demonstration by Italian Fascists when the ship docked at Genoa Tuesday.

## FDR Submits Highway Plan To Congress

### Importance of System Of Roads to Defense Emphasized

WASHINGTON, April 27 (UP).—President Roosevelt today submitted to Congress recommendations by the Bureau of Public Roads for a 26,700-mile integrated national highway system with special emphasis on national defense needs.

The program was drafted by the Bureau in consultation with the War Department. It tentatively suggested a national network of free highways comprising five east-to-west and seven north-to-south trunk lines.

Mr. Roosevelt pointed out that the report "emphasizes the need of a special system of direct inter-regional highways, with all necessary connections through and around cities, designed to meet the requirements of the national defense and the needs of a growing peace-time traffic of longer range."

### LAND CONDEMNATION

"Under the exercise of the principle of 'excess-taking' of land, the Government, which puts up the cost of the highway, buys a wide strip on each side of the highway itself, uses it for the rental of concessions and sells it off over a period of years to home builders and others who wish to live near a main artery of travel. Thus the Government gets the unearned increment and reimburses itself in large part for the building of the road."

The suggested national defense highway system, which would be based on existing roads, was planned after consultation with the War Department, the Bureau said.

The Bureau recommended a five-point program of roads "designed to meet the requirements of national defense in time of war and the needs of a growing peace-time traffic of longer range."

1. An inter-regional highway network, utilizing to a large degree present routes, and carrying them directly through large cities by construction of "depressed" thoroughfares (main arteries running in canal-like lanes below the level of ordinary street traffic).

2. Modernization of the federal-aid highway system.

3. Elimination of hazards at railroad grade-crossings.

4. Improvement of secondary and "feeder" roads.

5. Establishment of a federal highway authority to help states obtain highway rights-of-way.

## New Army Chief No West Pointer; Rose from Ranks

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Brigadier General George Catlett, 58 years, one of the few army officers who worked up from the ranks without attending West Point, was selected today by President Roosevelt to replace General Malin Craig as chief of staff of the United States Army, when the latter retires on August 31.

The new chief of staff will be given the rank of full General. He was born in Uniontown, Pa., and entered the army during the Philippine insurrection after graduating from Virginia Military Academy.

Commissioned a second lieutenant in 1903, Catlett served as assistant chief of staff of the first division during the World War and for a period was aide-de-camp to General John J. Pershing.

DeValera Cancels World's Fair Visit

DUBLIN, April 27 (UP).—Prime Minister Eamon De Valera of Eire, the former Irish Free State, today suddenly cancelled his Saturday sailing to the United States because of "grave events" believed to involve his bitter opposition to British military conscription in Northern Ireland.

## Protestant Churchmen Petition Roosevelt; Deplore Recognition

Four hundred and seventy-three Protestant clergymen, representing eleven religious denominations, in 153 cities and towns in 38 states, have petitioned President Roosevelt to use his influence to halt General Franco's program of political reprisals in Spain.

The petition, which deplores the hasty recognition of the Franco regime by the United States, and urges the President to express "in no uncertain terms" the horror with which the citizens of a democratic country view such a program of reprisals, was made public yesterday at the offices of the Churchman, 425 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Co-sponsors of the petition with Dr. Guy Emery Shipley, editor of the Churchman, were Reverend Henry Evertson Cobb, Senior Minister, Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, New York City; Reverend John Paul Jones, pastor of the Union Church of Bay Ridge grand president of the Presbyterian Fellowship for Social Action; Reverend Halford E. Lucecock, Yale University Divinity School; Reverend J. A. MacCallum, editor of the Presbyterian Tribune and pastor of the Walnut Street Presbyterian Church Philadelphia; Reverend Oscar Maurer, pastor of Centre Church, New Haven, and Moderator of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches; and Reverend Julius Seebach, pastor of the Luther Memorial Church, Philadelphia.

Nine Protestant Episcopal bishops, and fifty odd of the distinguished church officials of the various denominations also signed the petition. The bishops were Rt. Rev. Frederick B. Bartlett, missionary bishop of Idaho; Rt. Rev. Goodrich R. Finner, Bishop Coadjutor, Diocese of Kansas; Rt. Rev. Robert B. Gooden, Suffragan Bishop of Los Angeles; Rt. Rev. Henry W. Hobson, Bishop of southern Ohio;

Rt. Rev. Stephen E. Keeler, Bishop Coadjutor of Minnesota; Rt. Rev. Edward L. Parkson, Bishop of California; Rt. Rev. John C. Sanford, missionary bishop of San Jose, California; Rt. Rev. John C. W. Ward, Bishop of New York; James N. Winchester, retired Bishop of Arkansas.

Other distinguished churchmen who signed the appeal were Rev. W. P. Ladd, Dean of the Berkeley Divinity School, New York; Rev. Charles H. Russell, Dean of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J.; Rev. Edward Warren Capen, Dean of the Episcopal Church, Hartford Seminary Foundation; Rev. Curtis W. Reese, Dean of the Abraham Lincoln School, Chicago; Rev. William Uphaus, executive secretary, Religion and Labor Foundation, New Haven; Rev. William C. Wright, executive secretary, Church League for Industrial Democracy, New York City; Rev. Robert Leonard Tucker, pastor, Washington, D. C.; Rev. John P. King, editor, the Christian Advocate, Nashville; Rev. A. J. R. Schumaker, editor, the Washington Post; Rev. Stanley B. Vanderkolk, executive secretary, International Society of Christian Workers.

Also Arthur W. Beale, executive secretary, Greater New York Federation of Churches; Rev. W. P. Ladd, executive secretary, National Protestant Council; Rev. I. P. Bergstrom, district superintendent, Evangelical Church of America; Rev. Robert M. Blackwood, general secretary, Sabbath Association of Western Pennsylvania; Miss Berle W. Cunningham, executive secretary, Methodist Board of Christian Missions; Rev. Daniel Brownlee, Dayton Council of Churches; Rev. P. Chamberlain, executive secretary, Connecticut Baptist Convention, Hartford, Conn.; Rev. W. M. Cleveland, executive secretary, United Methodist Church, Pennsylvania; Rev. Alfred P. Conant, district superintendent, M. E. Church, Syracuse, N. Y.; Rev. H. C. Church, Albany City Council of Religious Education; Rev. H. D. Davies, Midwest Regional Council, Congregational Christian Missions Council; Rev. Henry W. Ellinger, district superintendent, M. E. Church, Kansas; Rev. Fred L. Hall, superintendent of Ohio Conference, Congregational Christian Churches; Rev. Hugh A. Heath, general secretary, Massachusetts Baptist Convention.

Also Rev. Walter M. Howlett, secretary, Religious Education Department, Greater New York Federation of Churches; Rev. John W. Irwin, National Council, Protestant Episcopal Church; Rev. Samuel A. Keen, district superintendent, M. E. Church, Buffalo; Rev. C. S. Laidman, associate director, the National Council of the United Methodist Church; Rev. Martin Powolski, president, Polish Baptist Convention; Rev. Charles Lee Barnard, superintendent of Church extension, Presbytery of Newark; Rev. Rodney W. Royndy, superintendent, Congregational Christian Missions Council of Maine; Rev. John P. Simmonds, superintendent of Cincinnati District, M. E. Church; Rev. H. M. Teasdale, president, French Baptist Conference of New England; and Rev. H. M. Whaling, preaching elder, Houston District, M. E. Church.

TEXT OF PETITION

The assault on the Spanish Republic by the Nazi-Fascist powers and her betrayal by the democratic nations seems to us one of the supreme tragedies of this dark decade.

Our own country carries a part of the responsibility for the present grave situation. The result of our well-meant but tragically mistaken arms embargo against the Spanish Republic was to assist in cutting off the Republic from means of self-defense, and to give aid and comfort to the Nazi-Fascist powers. So far from assuring peace, our embargo only furthered the aggressive plans of the Nazi-Fascist powers. A Franco regime by the United States, a descent upon Spain, not to speak of a concern for our own welfare, should have preceded any recognition of a government established by the most cynical and ruthless aggression: a government which announced and is now carrying on a program of brutal reprisals upon Republican leaders and supporters under a retroactive law which punishes as "crimes" acts in no way forbidden at the time they were committed.

We earnestly urge, Mr. President, that you voice for us, in no uncertain terms, the indignation and horror with which the citizens of a democratic country view such a program of reprisals as that which General Franco is carrying on; and further, that you use the influence of our government to halt these reprisals, and give such aid as you can in the evacuation of those who face certain death so long as they remain in Spain.

# BRITISH C. P. MANIFESTO WARNS OF CHAMBERLAIN PROGRAM; URGES UNITY TO BUILD 'PEACE FRONT'

LONDON (By Mail).—The British people were warned of new attempts at treachery by the Chamberlains, and Labor was urged to take the lead in uniting all forces against aggression to compel the creation of a world peace front which can halt fascism.

The statement, being widely circulated, issued by the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Great Britain, April 15 exposing the present aims of the Tory government, is as follows:

Chamberlain's speech in Parliament has made abundantly clear that in spite of all the Press talk about a "new policy," the basic line of friendship with Fascism and refusal to build a peace front of Britain, France, the Soviet Union and the United States still goes on.

The "new system of guarantees" is only a cover to hide this treachery to peace and to the British people. Chamberlain still opposes any general system of collective security. He still sabotages any understanding with the Soviet Union. He still stands by the Anglo-Italian Agreement. He still accepts Mussolini's promises.

He prefers to seek alliance with the Fascist war-making Powers, even at the cost of open and increasing danger to the British people, rather than to stand with the Soviet Union for peace.

The Soviet Union has again and again made clear, as in Stalin's historic speech to the 18th Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, that the Soviet Union stands ready to join in any combined, general collective system for the maintenance of peace.

Chamberlain is blocking every such proposal. Instead, Chamberlain offers "guarantees" for Poland, Greece and Rumania. This does not mean peace. It does not offer a powerful combination, capable of checking the advance of Hitler and Mussolini.

On the contrary, it is an invitation to Hitler and Mussolini to turn their attack elsewhere. It is a preparation to new betrayals. It is a continuation of the policy of "appeasement" in new forms. It opens the way to war, under the most deadly and dangerous conditions to the British people.

A continuation of Chamberlain's policy is the greatest danger to the British people. The criminal sabotage, which is preventing a peace pact between Britain and the Soviet Union, must be defeated. This is the only way to save peace.

The United States have issued call after call, through President Roosevelt, for a common stand against aggression. President Roosevelt has declared that a war, forced by the Axis Powers, would, from



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the outset, involve the United States, which is far stronger than Germany and Italy united.

Every call of President Roosevelt has been ignored by Chamberlain. The British people must take steps to ensure that an immediate response is given to offers of cooperation from the United States.

Crisis after crisis sweeps Europe. Hitler and Mussolini take turns in destroying small nations. Each act

of aggression prepares the way for another. If this is allowed to continue a terrible world war is inevitable.

The whole country is now expecting and demanding that a united stand must be made to save peace and to check further aggression of Hitler and Mussolini.

In the name of collective security and peace, the Communist Party calls on the organized labor movement of this country, and on who desire peace, to put an end to the Chamberlain policy of isolation and to insist on the immediate peace front of Britain, France, the Soviet Union and the United States.

But there will be no peace front so long as Labor and Liberal leaders trail behind Chamberlain, accepting his assurances, refusing to rouse the country against him, and organize the peace front of all those who in Britain fear war and want peace.

With shame and indignation the rank and file of the Labor Party have seen their representatives in Parliament declare that Chamberlain is the "best man for the job," or urge, as Dalton urged in the debate on Thursday, that Chamberlain should "get on with the job."

### UP TO LABOR

This is the policy which is opening the way to new aggression by

Hitler and Mussolini, which is opening the way to all the horrors of war.

The peace front will not be won by paying lip-service to it in Parliament, but only by the most energetic campaign in the country.

The peace-loving people in Britain are waiting for the lead. It is up to the organized Labor movement to give it.

Let the Labor movement lead the fight for a People's Government that will save Britain by building the peace front against Fascist aggression.

Call meetings in the factories. Demand special meetings of Labor Parties, Trades Councils, trade union district committees, trade union branches, Co-operative Parties and guilds. Demand specially convened towns' meetings.

The people of Britain are for democracy. They must make their voice heard. They must act now to save peace.

Let the people demand an immediate peace pact between Britain, France and the Soviet Union. Chamberlain is preventing this peace pact, which alone can save peace.

Down with Chamberlain and his policy of British isolation and betrayal! A Government of the people must come to power.



# United May Day Committee Issues Final Demonstration Plans

## 650 Groups to Participate In City Parade

### Take Over 25 Blocks; Route and Hours of March Designated

The United May Day Committee, sponsors of the United May Day parade of 1939, which will swing through the streets of New York this Monday, May 1st, today made public a detailed summary of parade assembly points for the annual labor demonstration in which an anticipated 250,000 workers from virtually every industry and profession in the city of New York are expected to participate.

Assembly plans which have been approved by the Police Department call for the occupation of 25 square city blocks with all vehicle traffic re-routed from the assembly areas.

With an eye to preventing of discomfort of long waits prior to the actual march the United May Day Committee announced that special steps have been taken to stagger the assembly time of all participating groups in the parade.

The uptown division which stretches from 56th Street south to 53rd Street between 8th and 11th Avenues has its assembly time starting at 10 A. M. and advancing to 11 A. M., 11:30 A. M., 12 noon, 12:30 P. M., 1 P. M., 1:30 P. M., 2 P. M. and 2:30 P. M., has been allotted to trade union organizations including such categories as the building trades, needle trades, food, political groups and the Spanish veterans.

#### HOURS OF ASSEMBLY

Staggered hours of assembly for the downtown division of the parade which takes in largely mass organizations, peace groups, professional and office workers, fraternal organizations, youth, language and cultural and miscellaneous groups, start at 3 P. M. and continue on 15 minute intervals until 5:30 P. M.

Because of large pledges of participation from more than 650 organizations representing more than a million organized workers, parade officials announced that they have taken extensive steps to dramatize that portion of the parade which is expected to march well after sun down. Flood lighting, red torch lights and other lighting devices will be utilized to dramatize the night portion of the giant pageant of labor.

#### ROUTE OF PARADE

The route of the two-mile-long parade which will swing down 8th Ave., Fifth Ave., Broadway and culminate at Union Square follows: South on 8th Ave. starting from 56th Street to 30th Street east on 30th Street to Fifth Ave.; south on Fifth Ave. to 23rd Street, south on Broadway, south on Broadway into Union Square. Points of dispersal which have been allotted by the Police Department and roped off from vehicle traffic include 18th, 17th, 16th and 15th Streets, from 4th Ave. to 3rd Ave.

Major slogans of the United May Day parade 1939 as officially rat-

## Norwich, Conn. May Day Rally In City Hall

NORWICH, Conn., April 27.—This busy industrial community will observe May Day with a giant mass meeting in the City Hall Monday evening.

Organizations sponsoring and taking part in the May 1st demonstration include Textile Workers Organizing Committee, Local 61; Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America; American Federation of Dyeers; United Shoe Workers of America; and the International Workers Order.

led by participating organizations follow in part:

For Labor Unity, Recovery, Democracy and Peace, Unite Against: Fascist Aggression, A.F.L. - CIO Union, A Blow to Reaction, Make New York 100 Per Cent Union, Free Warren K. Billings, Break Wall Street Sabotage—Put America Back to Work, and No Crippling Amendments to the Wagner Labor Act.

Also: We Demand Passage of Federal Anti-Lynching Bill, Education and Jobs for Young America, Preserve and Extend Democratic Rights and Civil Liberties, Free the Scottsboro Boys, Neutrality Means Aid to Fascism—Repeal Neutrality Act, and Protect the Americas from Fascist Penetration.

And: Hit Where It Hurts—Boycott Nazi Goods, Japanese Goods, Fascist Goods, Crush Anti-Semitism—Weapon of Fascism, We Protest Persecution of Catholics under Fascism, and All Aid to Refugees—Victims of Fascism.

There will be a meeting of all Captains and Marshals at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Place, N. Y. C., on Saturday, April 29th at 2 P. M.

## New Bedford Set for Great May Day Rally

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 27.—This textile community will observe May Day with a demonstration in Ashley Park at 2 P. M. Saturday, April 29.

The rally, called "To Stop Hitler, Mussolini, Fascism and War" and to demonstrate "for the Right to Work and Live," will have as its main speaker Ann Burlak, nationally known leader of textile workers.

In urging a large turnout for the demonstration the Joint May Day Committee pointed to the increasingly bad conditions under which textile workers locally are suffering.

The May Day leaflet specifically mentions the "Hathaway mill where the speed-up is so great that women have gone home splitting blood, while others landed in the Sassagunt T. B. Sanitarium."

Another mill whose workers are particularly urged to "fall to and demonstrate against wage cuts and speed-up" is the Dartmouth. Workers in this mill, the May Day Committee points out, are suffering from a 30-35 per cent increase in speed-up and 10-20 per cent less wages.

## Boston Holds May Day Rally Tomorrow

### Hood, Frankfeld to Talk In Boston Commons Demonstration

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Mass., April 27.—The laboring people of Boston will begin their May Day celebration Saturday, April 29, with an anti-Hitler, Mussolini demonstration at the Charles Street Mall in historic Boston Common.

Speakers at the rally which will begin promptly at one p. m. in begin promptly at 1 P. M. include an indoor rally and general May Howard Carter and Pat O'Day.

Otis Archer Hood, Phil Frankfeld, Day festivities will be held Monday evening in Butler Hall, 1095 Tremont Street. In addition to prominent speakers, there will be dancing to the music of Tasker Crosson's famous orchestra.

## Rally to Spur Anti-Bias Bill Fight Tonight

### Citizen's Group Calls YMCA Meeting on Progressive Bills

In preparation for another mass meeting in support of the progressive bills introduced in the State Legislature by the Temporary Commission on the Condition of the Urban Colored Population, the Manhattan Citizens Committee is calling a meeting at the YMCA, 180 W. 135th St., for 9 o'clock Friday evening.

The committee invites trade unions, churches, lodges, clubs, and all other organizations which have indicated their interest in the passage of the anti-discrimination measures to send representatives to Friday night's meeting, the immediate task of which will be to organize state-wide legislative campaigns for Sunday, April 30th and Sunday, May 7th.

The Manhattan Citizens Committee believes that it is possible to force the passage of some, if not all, the 11 bills which would outlaw discrimination against Negroes and other minorities in employment, housing, hospitalization, etc. In order to insure their passage, however, the committee feels, it is necessary for all supporters to flood Senator Feinberg, chairman of the Judiciary Committee and the man before whom all the bills must finally appear, with telegrams, postal cards, and letters, demanding that he use his influence to get the bills out of committee on the floor of the Senate, where they may be acted upon.

In view of the fact that the proposed mass meeting will require funds, the Citizens Committee is requesting that organizations represented at Friday night's meeting at the YMCA send money or authorize that sums be pledged. Organizations wishing to do so may send money, checks or postal money orders to the Manhattan Citizens Committee at its headquarters in the YMCA, 180 W. 135th St.

## 'Progressive Weekly' to Be Fitting May Day Tribute

"The Progressive Weekly," magazine section of the new Sunday Worker, will lead off the special May Day-World's Fair Edition with a story of America's fifty-third May Day. Written by Milton Howard, it traces the growth of this holiday from the great Chicago General Strike of 1886, to its status as an international holiday, observed by workers all over the world.

And in a similar spirit "The Progressive Weekly" will reprint Harry Alan Potamkin's stirring poem, "Haymarket," dedicated to May Day.

Gordon Casson, in an interview with leading Hollywood directors, tells how William K. Howard was inspired to film "Back Door to Heaven" after seeing a boy in Bellevue who had no mother, an alcoholic father, a sister who was forced into prostitution, a brother in Sing Sing—and the grim shadow of the electric chair over his future life.

STEINBECK WRITES

John Steinbeck, brilliant author of "The Grapes of Wrath," contributes an article on the migratory workers of California, farmers and farm-hands who have had to jump to a system of agriculture so industrialized that "the man who plants a crop does not often see, let alone harvest, the fruit of his

## Unveil Head of Roosevelt



PRESIDENT'S MOTHER, Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt, at the ceremonies in the Sculpture Court of the Federal Building at the World's Fair where she unveiled a head of President Roosevelt cast in nickel silver. At the left is Walter Russell, the sculptor, and at right, is E. J. Flynn, U. S. Commissioner General to the Fair.

## Hillman Gets Response On Union Plan

### Cooperation Asked On Plan to Stabilize Labor Costs

Leading manufacturers in the men's clothing industry yesterday responded to an invitation from Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, to lend him their production experts to aid the union's campaign to stabilize labor costs on a national scale and to eliminate cut-throat competition.

Morris Greenberg, production manager, Hart, Schaffner & Marx, Chicago; Adolf Rosenberg, production manager, William P. Goldman & Bros., New York; Philip Fishon, production manager, S. Makransky & Sons, Philadelphia, and Tom Tillot, production manager, Eagle Clothes, New York, met with Hillman and representatives of the Amalgamated Joint Boards of New York, Philadelphia and Chicago yesterday in Hillman's office.

They laid down their initial plans for eliminating unfair competition between manufacturer and manufacturer, and between market and market. Following the meeting, Hillman said that any "chiselers" in the industry, found operating on sub-standard labor costs, will be brought up to the mark.

The union, besides Hillman, was represented at yesterday's stabilization conference by Louis Hollander and Joseph Cabalanotti, New York Joint Board co-managers; Charles

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planting . . . He tells of their hurried existence from valley to valley, with starvation always at their heels.

M. Slepnev, decorated with the title of "Hero of the Soviet Union," famed for his work during the heroic rescue of the Chelyuskin expedition in 1934, draws upon his brilliant flying experience for his article, "Tragedy in the Arctic." This is the tale of how two Soviet aviators found two lost American fliers near the Pole.

J. B. S. Haldane, whose science features have become such a popular and welcome feature in "The Progressive Weekly," tells the inside story of the atom, and how scientists "bombard" it with particles.

In addition there are articles on the Rust cotton-picking machine, the rich and the march of science, an infant health feature, and other items of immediate interest. The new "Progressive Weekly" is one of the reasons why the May Day World-Fair edition of the Sunday Worker will be the best yet.

## Curran Urges FDR Halt Certificates For Scab Seamen

### Non-Seamen Get Licenses In Violation of U. S. Statute, NMU Bares; Send Hopkins List Of Charges Against Officials

The National Maritime Union today appealed to President Roosevelt to halt the issuance of seamen's certificates to non-seamen by the Department of Commerce in violation of Federal statutes.

In a telegram to the President, Joseph Curran, NMU president, said that certificates were being issued to strikebreakers for use by four oil companies in the current tanker strike.

Curran said later that he was forwarding to Secretary of Commerce Hopkins a series of charges against inspectors for the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation regarding violations of the law governing requirements for specific ratings.

According to Curran, two licensed engineers, Hugh B. Dobbs and James Luford, were fired from the Halsey in Baton Rouge, La., and removed from the vessel by deputy sheriffs when they refused to sail with non-seamen put aboard to act in firemen's and oilers' capacities.

These men had never been to sea before yet they had in their possession Department of Commerce certificates entitling them to sail in oilers' and firemen's jobs.

Curran also said that the union had its members applying for jobs at Standard Oil shipping offices posing as non-seamen. These men, according to affidavits signed by them and forwarded to Hopkins show that they are given the following ratings: Able-bodied seaman, oiler, ordinary seaman, viper and messman.

Curran said also that Standard

## To Hold Harlem May Day Fete In Camp Fund Drive

The 1939 Camp Scholarship drive for the underprivileged children of Harlem held promise of being one of the most successful in the history of the movement when the Committee of One Hundred Women, Inc., announced that a May Day Luckey Fete will be given at the Renaissance Casino, 138th Street and 7th Avenue, on Monday evening, May 1st.

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# W.P.A. Officials Refuse Aid to Witch-Hunt Probe on Projects

## National Office Sticks to Law; No Red-Baiting

### House Committee Prober Gets Cold Reception From Workers

The House WPA Investigating Committee under the chairmanship of Rep. Clifton A. Woodrum hit a snag in its "Dies witch-hunt" methods, it became known yesterday, as Works Progress Administration officials stuck to the letter of the law and refused to assist in turning the campaign into a red-baiting exhibition.

This is what H. Ralph Burton, attorney and investigator for the Committee in New York learned when he attempted to get the aid of officials on the Federal Art Projects to circulate red-hunt questionnaires among the project workers.

Burton's questionnaire exposed in last Tuesday's issue of the Daily Worker asked such questions as: "Are you a member of the Communist Party?" "Are you a member of the Workers Alliance?" "Are you a subscriber of the Daily Worker?"

It was when Burton sought to have copies of his questionnaire mimeographed for mass distribution among the art project workers that the supervisor to whom the request was directed, decided to refer the matter to Washington.

#### OFFICIAL REBUFF

The answer from the national administration was that any part in the circulation of such questionnaires is violation of the law under which WPA functions. A section of that law, much publicized in the early days of the present Congress session, provides that there must be no discrimination against relief workers because of race, religion, politics or union affiliation. The questionnaire lays the basis for discrimination at least on last two grounds.

The investigation committee was assured by WPA officials that it will get cooperation for any effort that falls in line with the provisions of the resolution which created the \$25,000 House Committee—to search for ways and means to better relief and economy in its administration. But hunting Communists and Workers Alliance members was regarded as absolutely out of line.

Mr. Burton visited Lieut. Col. Breton B. Somerville, New York Works Progress Administrator, for information, it was learned. Somerville made available all he desired in regard to administrative procedure and similar matters—information any one interested could obtain without resorting to a Congressional Committee.

"But that's all," one spokesman of WPA declared emphatically.

#### COLD RECEPTION

Mr. Burton, who is attorney for the Daughters of the American Revolution at Washington and a number of organizations that are in the business of "Americanism promotion," has already received a cold reception from the project workers. "Bluff" claims that he is cloaked with subpoena powers or that his red-hunt questions must be answered, have quite generally received a horse laugh.

The art projects are his concentration point. One of the big shows that the Woodrum Committee is apparently planning, is to "prove" that Communists run these projects and that they ought to be abolished. Rep. Dies has put on a similar exhibition in connection with the art projects on the eve of last election.

As soon as Mr. Burton's activities became known the Workers Alliance issued instructions through its Greater New York President Willis Morgan, to all its members and project workers, on their right to refuse to answer questions. Morgan denounced the whole procedure as proof that the committee is out to apply the Dies Committee technique and is ignoring with provisions of the resolution that created it.

## City Officials Greet Norway's Royal Visitors

Crown Prince Olaf of Norway and the Princess Martha were officially welcomed at City Hall yesterday by Deputy Mayor Henry Curran and Council President Newbold Morris after the were greeted at the Battery by Mayor LaGuardia, who left immediately by car for Albany.

The Prince, speaking excellent English, thanked Mr. Curran and Mr. Morris for the "cordial welcome" and said he was happy over a scheduled visit to President Roosevelt at Hyde Park.

"And we feel glad that our visit in New York coincided with the opening of the World's Fair," he added, "an historical event in which Norway too is taking part."

## Begun to Speak Before Housing Parley Saturday

On Saturday, April 29, 1 P. M. Isidore Begun, Legislative Representative of the Communist Party, and outstanding authority on Housing Legislation, will speak before important conference on Housing Legislation. The meeting will be held at Irving Plaza Hall, East 19th Street and Irving Place, N. Y. C. It is to the advantage of every building trades worker to attend.

## Detective Discredits 'Confessions'

### Tells Court Seven 'Confessed,' But Four Tried

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alleged to have been the gunman while Maffatore drove the murder car and never at any time during the robbery entered the store.

From the welter of confusing testimony, the story pieces itself as follows: Shortly after the hold-up and murder, police picked up young Soviero on a tip, brought him to the Hess store, but Miss Hess was unable to identify the 15 year old youth and he was released.

The only clue which the police apparently had was a name "Gep or Gip" which Miss Hess overheard during the struggle in which her brother was killed. Subsequent to the Soviero release, on Nov. 8, 1938, Detectives Wright and his partner, Harry Lavin, arrested Morrell, and two others, Anthony Frangucci, 20 years, and Casper Lenna, 20 years, the latter, curiously enough, bearing the nickname "Gep."

Morrell is alleged to have "confessed" the crime to Lavin and the present defendant, Maffatore, Wright, implicating a fourth man. In his confession, Morrell "admitted" firing the fatal bullet. When confronted with him, Miss Hess "positively" identified him as the murderer.

The following day, Miss Hess was again taken to the station house and this time, from a line-up of seven men, "identified" Maffatore as the killer. In addition, she picked out "Gep" Lenna as one of the bandits.

All four "confessed," but Maffatore, for some unexplained reason, was not arraigned with the others in Felony Court and who for another unexplained reason were discharged two weeks later on the specific request of Lavin. Lavin in the meantime had arrested young Soviero, Alocco, who was pulled out of a sick bed, and the illiterate Franzese. Maffatore had remained in custody all this time.

Now follows the most puzzling feature. On Nov. 10, Maffatore is alleged to have admitted privately to Detective Lavin that he drove the car to the scene of the hold-up and waited outside. Ten minutes later, according to a certified stenographic report, Maffatore told an assistant district attorney that he fired the death bullet in the Hess store.

Lavin's name is listed on the report as among those present but on the stand testified that he did not hear this assertion. He insisted that he had obtained a "confession" from Alocco that he was the killer.

In court yesterday, "playing the role of identifier for the third time, Miss Hess 'positively identified' Alocco as the murderer but admitted under cross-examination that Alocco had been brought before her previously and at that time the youth asked her:

"Was I ever in your store? Did you ever see me before?"

To which she admitted replying, "You ought to know better than me."

## Hackies Vote Strike Power To Officials

### Parmelee Drivers Demand 2 1/2 Rise in Commission

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organizer, who is chairman of the committee; Eugene P. Connolly, director of the taxi division of the union, and Leo Levinstein, organizer. Meanwhile the city administration, anticipating the walkout, yesterday issued emergency orders to the police department, ordering a force of 1,000 policemen on duty at all times. The orders were effective until further notice.

Terms of the new Terminal agreement, which covers 1,400 employees, was announced to the hack-drivers' meeting by Michael J. Quill, city councilman and international president of the union.

The agreement calls for a basic commission wage for drivers of 45 per cent of gross bookings, a new high in taxi commission wages for the whole country, it was announced. It also provides for restoration of wage minimums for garage and maintenance employees which had been reduced in September, 1938 plus a five percent increase and a preferential union shop.

The Terminal company, planning to hire 200 new drivers for the World's Fair, agreed to hire 100 of the number directly through the union's hiring hall. Thereafter, according to the agreement, the company will seek all new employees through the union.

A provision of the agreement, cheered loudly by the taxi drivers, was the immediate reinstatement of three union officers fired by the company six months ago. They are Samuel Tafel, chairman of the maintenance section; Irving Polack, chairman and Charles Steinberg, secretary of the drivers section of the Terminal division of the union.

Another point won by the union was the appointment of an impartial chairman for the adjustment of all grievances including dismissals.

The Terminal agreement was signed at two o'clock yesterday morning at the culmination of a 14-hour conference in the office of Harold Riegleman, 420 Lexington Ave., counsel for the Terminal Co. Besides Mr. Riegleman, company representatives included Daniel G. Arnstein and B. M. Seymour.

Union negotiators, besides Mr. Quill, included John Santo, international secretary-treasurer; Austin Hogan, president of the TWU of Greater New York; Harry Sacher, general counsel; Eugene P. Connolly, director of the TWU Taxicab division and Warren G. Horie, general taxi organizer and chairman of the Taxi Strike Strategy Committee.

In announcing signing of the agreement, Mr. Quill praised the "untiring and fairest efforts" of Arthur Meyer of the State Mediation Board who at the request of Mayor LaGuardia has been mediating the labor differences in the taxicab industry since last January.

The night cab drivers meeting, which overflowed both the main auditorium and basement halls of the union building, loudly acclaimed the resolution authorizing the union's executive board to "take any and all action necessary to bring the rest of the taxicab industry under the terms of the new agreement prior to the opening of the World's Fair."

The Transport Workers Union claims to control, in addition to Terminal and Parmelee drivers, another 4,000 taxi employees.

"The 45 per cent commission wage will enable New York's cab drivers to share in the increased revenues, which undoubtedly will come to the taxicab industry during the World's Fair," Mr. Quill said.

#### HIGH HOPE IN YOUTH

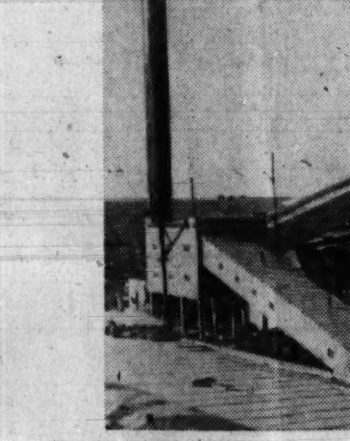
6. Urged establishment of NYA, now a separate entity within the WPA, as a separate agency because "the greatest single resource of this country is its youth and no progressive government can afford to ignore the needs of its future citizens. . . . To ignore this need is to undermine the very basis of democracy, which requires the constant renewal of its vitality through the absorption of its young people."

He disagreed with assertions that "there are few unemployed persons in totalitarian forms of government."

"In those nations," he said, "private employment takes care of a smaller proportion of their employable citizens than private employment does in the United States."

"This means that government is responsible for the care of a

## Soviet Nickel Plant



IN THE SOUTH URALS the building of a powerful nickel plant, located near the rich beds of nickel ore discovered in that region in 1935, is nearing completion. The already existing factories together with the gigantic nickel works under construction, will entirely relieve the USSR from importing nickel from abroad. The photograph shows a general view of one of the factories of the South Urals nickel plant.

## Roosevelt Asks Two Million W.P.A. Jobs

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lessen necessity for future relief expenditures. He predicted a national income of \$87,000,000,000 in 1939, \$5,000,000,000 more than in last year, and reiterated his belief that national economic problems would become negligible if the income can be increased to \$80,000,000,000.

2. Blamed the volume of unemployment on an annual influx of 500,000 new workers into the labor market and steadily increasing output per worker, which means that comparatively high levels of production mean substantially less employment than formerly.

3. Warned that the unemployment problem is likely to persist because the nation has undergone, in common with the rest of the world "a process of readjustment, particularly in connection with the production and distribution of goods. Until our economic machinery can be realigned to meet present-day conditions the problem of unemployment will persist and the measures adopted to deal with it, must, therefore, be carefully thought out and their operation planned to extend well into the future."

4. Urged that the present system of requiring states and sub-divisions to furnish about 30 to 25 per cent of the cost of projects be retained, rather than changing it to a proposed strict percentage formula, as proposed in a number of bills before Congress.

5. Predicted that worthwhile economies will be achieved in WPA administration if his recently proposed reorganization plan becomes effective; expressed a hope that the current House probe of WPA would be constructive; endorsed provisions to eliminate politics from relief and reiterated his request that WPA's administrative employees be placed under the classified civil service.

#### WPA JUSTIFIED SELF

He admitted that the cost of work relief is higher than a direct dole would be but insisted "that the advantages which accrue from the maintenance of the morale and self-respect of the worker and the creation of permanent public assets fully justify this increased cost, and the adoption of the dole as the solution of this problem would be disastrous."

Glib-talking critics, he said, are obliged to admit that they can offer only two alternative plans—to cut down the number of needy persons receiving relief or to cut work payments.

"It is these same individuals," he said, "who, picking out a handful of instances in the administration of a huge undertaking, seek to delude the people of this country into the belief that the minor exceptions is the rule. Let any one of these critics undertake the job of administration himself. That is a challenge which will be avoided but not answered."

Mr. Roosevelt vehemently went on record in favor of WPA "white collar projects." To discontinue them, he said, would be unjust to unemployed workers whose training has not adapted them to work on construction projects.

In conclusion, he said:

"The system which we have favored in the United States during the past six years is by no means perfect. It can be improved but not at the expense of substituting the dole for work relief nor by turning the management of work projects back to the sole care of the many thousands of local governments. It will be said by history, after much political smoke has cleared away, that the Federal government's handling of work relief has been one of our most efficient administrative accomplishments."

## Chamberlain Wins Vote On Conscription

### Labor Censure Motion Defeated In Commons; Tory Is Attacked

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scription decision, the Prime Minister said:

"I do not want to give you the idea that war is imminent. I do not think that it is. I do think, however, that we are in a position in which a very little one way or another may decide whether war is going to come or not."

Chamberlain said that the government might call a general election if the opposition pushed "too far" the controversy over conscription.

CALLS FOR CENSURE VOTE

Major Clement R. Attlee, Laborite leader, opened the attack on the government with a motion calling for a vote of censure of the government—which if approved would force the resignation of the government.

Attlee asserted that Chamberlain had "not been a good friend of democracy," that Britain's previous system of voluntary military service had proved adequate to fill defense requirements and that Chamberlain had repudiated his own promise not to introduce conscription in peacetime.

Similar opposition charges were being made simultaneously in a debate in the House of Lords.

Attlee said the supply problem—Britain's need of arms and materials—was greater than the manpower problem and that the government had delayed too long in creating a post of Minister of Supply in the cabinet.

Churchill, long a champion of compulsory military service, criticized the government's method of establishing it.

As to the need of presenting a show of Britain's readiness to fight, if necessary, in advance of the Hitler speech, Churchill minimized the importance of whatever Hitler's reply to President Roosevelt's peace appeal may be.

"If he utters words of menace they will not make the situation any worse than it appears on the actual facts," Churchill said.

"If he utters reassurances I, for one, shall not believe them until they are confirmed by deeds."

"If he utters abuse, why should we pay attention to that?"

Sinclair struck an important note by saying that, despite the difference of opinion regarding the merits of the government proposals—the Liberals favor voluntary service—the entire House was determined to defend the nation as well as peace, freedom and order throughout the world.

## School Ban Voted Down by Board

### Tory Policy to Ban Schools to Progressive Groups Urged by Col. Carlin Is Defeated; Body Upholds Democratic Rule

The Board of Education's policy on the use of school buildings by the public was made known yesterday following the defeat of a repressive resolution introduced by Col. Walter Jeffreys Carlin, which would have denied the use of the schools to progressive organizations.

The Board advised Superintendent of Schools Harold J. Campbell to deny the use of the buildings to persons or organizations advocating violence or intolerance of any religious or racial group.

The Carlin resolution, which aroused a storm of protest by civic, parents, teachers, labor and civil liberties groups as seeking to destroy the rights of citizens to meeting freely in public buildings, originally sought to deny the use of schools for a discussion of "controversial subjects."

The united opposition to the resolution forced Col. Carlin to amend the measure, but it was still considered objectionable and was defeated.

President James Marshall and Commissioners Johanna M. Lindolf and Daniel Paul Higgins voted against the resolution.

Former board president Henry C. Turner and vice-president Ellsworth B. Buck voted for the resolution. Carlin, lone remaining Democrat on the board, is not expected to be renominated when his term expires on Tuesday.

#### POLICY STATEMENT

The board's statement of policy, agreed upon by all but Col. Carlin, declares:

"The Board of Education believes that the basic American principles of free speech and liberty to assemble and petition for redress of grievances, guaranteed in the Bill of Rights of our Federal and State Constitutions, should be forwarded by our school system, and that the spirit of free discussion and public use of school buildings implicit in the State Education Law should be respected."

"These principles are to be limited only in the interest of the protection of the State and our democratic form of government; and, to

## President Asks Jobs For Those Over 40

### Urges Emergency Drive To Begin Sunday In Organizations

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workers; that this group as a whole is not sharing as fully as other age groups in the employment revival; that many of those over 40 have lost their jobs through no personal failing but because of circumstances over which they had no direct control; that among those over 40 and still actively in the labor market are practically the entire group of world war veterans (whose average age is 46), a group that is surely entitled to look to our society for security and economic independence."

Mr. Roosevelt issued his appeal between work periods on the major address he will deliver Sunday afternoon in formally opening the New York World's Fair. The fact that he "already has started the rough draft of the speech indicated to observers that Chancellor Adolf Hitler's reply to his peace guarantee proposals, to be made tomorrow, would not figure as the primary subject.

The President arrived at Hyde Park this morning.

Tomorrow afternoon he will greet Crown Prince Olaf of Norway and Crown Princess Martha, who will be his guests until Sunday morning.

In his proclamation Mr. Roosevelt said the committee report to the Secretary of Labor "finds no good reasons that would support continuance of this prejudice" against persons over 40.

"In view of these considerations," he went on, "I should like to ask employers throughout the country to give special consideration to this problem of middle-aged worker, to review and examine their current policies in order to determine whether applicants who are over 40 years of age are being given a fair opportunity to qualify for jobs, and to study their various departments and processes with a view to seeing where the qualifications and abilities of these older applicants could be utilized. I want to urge social agencies, labor organizations, and the general public to join in giving this problem their earnest consideration."

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## FRANK MARIO, CHICAGO Y.C.L. ESSAY WINNER, TELLS HOW HE 'BROKE DOWN FENCE AROUND HIS WORLD'

Frank Mario, prize winner in the Young Communist League Essay contest, wrote from Chicago that he had to pinch himself to make sure it was true that Alex Bittelman, Granville Hicks and Gil Green had all picked his essay as the best of the hundreds that were submitted in the contest.

"I tried to write a good one, because the subject, 'What the YCL Means to Me' only required that I put down things that have meant a lot in my life," the young YCL-er wrote when he received notice that he was first prize winner and entitled to a free trip to and from the National Convention, with all expenses paid.

A glance at the short history of Frank Mario himself makes the fine understanding apparent in his essay easier to comprehend. Second generation Italian, with a background of railroad shops and poor living, of wage cuts and speed-ups and strikes, Frank Mario "knew the

score" from his father when he was a tiny lad. His father began work for the Pullman Co. when he arrived from Italy in 1904.

**TRADITIONS**

"My father brought with him the traditions of Italy and was active in workers struggles up until the world war, when he became disgusted with the leaders of the Socialist Party," Mario related. "His teachings, though limited, impressed me very much, but it was not until I began to work in the shop myself that what my father taught me caught up with me, and made me realize the set-up I was up against."

Frank wrote of roaming the Midwest, of finally going to work in a dairy farm in Northern Wisconsin, where he became active in milk struggles and joined the National Grange.

"I came back to Chicago in the Spring of 1933 to get a job in the Fair," he tells. "But I landed back

in the Pullman shops instead. I hunted for the YCL and found it right in Pullman. I couldn't wait till I got my membership book and

boy! Did I begin reading everything I could get my hands on."

**A MODEST WINNER**

Frank Mario tells these things in the essay which won him a trip to the National Convention. He will "take part in determining the policy of the YCL. He will hear Earl Browder speak to the youth of the nation at the grand opening of the Convention in Madison Square Garden."

Frank Mario is modest about winning such a prize.

"I'm asking all the comrades to pinch me," he writes. "I can't believe that my essay won."

Frank is a fine representative of the type of youth which has already found the solution to the puzzle they live in in the program of the YCL.

In his essay he writes of the "fence around our world" when he and "Andy and another Frank" started a basement club one winter back in Chicago. He quotes the

Club's constitution: "This club's for fellows living on Langley Ave. who promise to stick together."

Today that fence is no more.

"The YCL has taught you that there is no fence between people and ideas for the betterment of humanity—between colors of skin," he writes in his story.

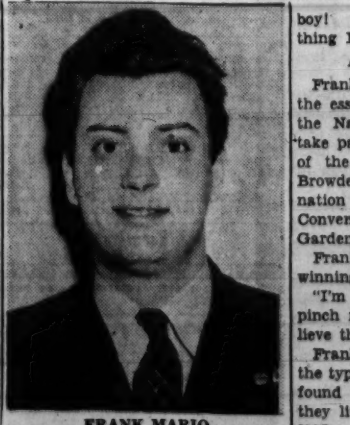
Frank Mario's first open air speech was delivered at a "Free Angelo Herndon" demonstration. In 1937 he left the Pullman "to drive." He was active in building the Steel Workers Organizing Committee in shops of the Chicago suburbs.

Frank Mario will be introduced at the opening of the YCL convention in Madison Square Garden, Thursday night, May 11, and his prize winning essay "What the YCL Means to Me" will be printed in pamphlet form, together with essays of ten "runners-up."

The Young Communist Review, in its May issue, which published today, prints the prize winning essay.

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FRANK MARIO



# State Commissioners Warn of Chaos if Budget Is Slashed

## Breakdown of Social Service Dep't Seen In Tory Campaign

Education, Health, Public Works, Taxation, Markets, Correction and Labor Departments Threatened If GOP Cuts Succeed

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ALBANY, April 27.—Heads of the various social service departments of New York State's government spoke out today to protest the cuts in the budget threatened by the Republican-dominated State Legislature.

The commissioners of the state departments were united in their warning of a breakdown in New York's social service system if the budget slashing went through.

### COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION FRANK P. GRAVES

Reduction of state aid must be absorbed by local communities either by curtailed school services or increased taxes. Reduction of appropriations for state schools would result in curtailment of services and fewer enrollments.

### COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HYGIENE WILLIAM J. TIFFANY

"In my opinion the Department of Mental Hygiene cannot operate the institutions under its jurisdiction for the ensuing year on the reduced appropriations planned. The population of the institutions is increasing annually at the rate of from 18 to 25,000 patients. We have been forced by lack of funds to operate with an insufficient staff. To reduced expenditures to an even lower figure can only be done at the expense of the helpless wards of the State."

### SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS A. W. BRANDT

"Labor will be deprived of 80 per cent of the proposed reduction in highway appropriations, or a total of \$10,500,000. In addition, we will have to lay off hundreds of engineers. The highway system will fall still further below the standards demanded by modern traffic."

### COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE MARK GRAVES

"So far as our tax work is concerned, any curtailment of activities will be in the audit and investigation efforts of our departments. The result would be comforting to the tax chisellers, evaders and dodgers, but alarming to all honest tax-payers. We will lose in revenue at least \$10 for each dollar saved in the appropriation."

### COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE & MARKETS HOLTON V. NOYES

"This would mean serious curtailment of services now carried on to protect the consumers from adulterated foods, short weights and uninspected farm products. For the farmer it means lower prices for milk and other products as well as inadequate protection from plant disease and insect pests."

### COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTION JOHN LYONS

"The proposed \$608,401 cut in our budget would result in the abolishment of important and necessary positions and services in the prisons. We cannot forget that, due to improper supervision and attendant unsuitable conditions within the state prisons, the riots of 1929 and 1930 occurred."

### INDUSTRIAL COMMISSIONER FRIEDA MILLER

"The effect would be a defeat enforcement of the minimum wage law and to prevent investigation of additional industries. It took a Triangle fire to establish the proper safety standards and inspection of factories in New York State. I hope that it will not take a similar catastrophe now to preserve these safeguards."

### COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH EDWARD S. GODFREY, JR.

"The proposed legislative reductions amounting to \$300,000 will mean discharging sick patients and depriving others of care in the state hospitals. About 1,700 children will be deprived of special orthopedic care and treatment. Scientific advances in the war against syphilis will be turned back with serious consequences. In like manner the curtailment of essential activities and the reduction of certain personnel in the divisions of public health education, communicable disease, and maternity, infancy and child hygiene, will handicap those divisions in providing both direct and indirect service to the people."

### State Labor Dept. Issues Aid On Working Papers

Proper procedure for obtaining working papers is outlined in a leaflet for boys and girls under 18, which the Division of Women in Industry and Minimum Wage of the State Department of Labor has started to distribute to young persons through the schools upstate. The leaflet is designed to meet the needs of minors seeking either full time or part time jobs at the close of school by making information on important points available.

### East Side Group To Tour Housing Project Sunday

The Lower East Side Federation's housing committee will conduct a tour through the Williamsburg Housing Project on Sunday to acquaint the people of the East Side with the type of housing being erected by the Federal government and spur activity for low rent housing. The group will meet in front of Madison House, 226 Madison St., at 2:30 P. M.

### Stork Visits Fair



BABY GETS KISSED by mama at the New York World's Fair. One of the four calves born to prize cows at a dairy company's exhibit is the object of its mother's (a Guernsey) affection.

### Reviving "Golden Spike Days"



"GOLDEN SPIKE DAYS" are re-enacted in Omaha, Neb., as 40,000 citizens don old-time costumes while film "Union Pacific" has world premiere there. Here are "Union soldiers" strolling with their girls in front of Union County courthouse.

### Lehman Acts To Halt Budget Slash Today

Tories Ignore Lump Sum Unconstitutionality; Press Drive Today

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Legislature has power over all appropriations. "It must not, however, be permitted to weaken the administrative powers of the executive budget and substitute therefore a legislative appropriation bill," he declared.

#### LEHMAN WARNS G.O.P.

Outlining the consequences of a legislative budget as proposed by the GOP, Governor Lehman said, in part:

"It returns the old vicious system of logrolling and deals. It means that a small group of legislators can intimidate department heads and thus influence or control the administrative functions of government. It means that no employee of the State will be secure in his position. It means that the budgets of the future instead of being prepared scientifically, carefully and without partisan interest, will be instruments of the most flagrant partisanship and political self-interest."

"I do not know of any step that has been taken for many years that would be so destructive of good government as the scuttling of the line item executive budget."

It was indicated today by Senator Hanley, majority leader of the Senate, and Assemblyman Moffat, author of the Republican program, that they would try to represent the issue as a struggle over control of the purse strings.

#### ECHO WASHINGTON TORIES

That they understand as well as Governor Lehman what the real issue is was shown in a preliminary budget debate in the Assembly today. Assemblyman Moffat, rising to reply to the Governor's message, made a sharp defense of the proposed encroachment on the powers of the chief executive, by declaring that the Republican-controlled legislature had insufficient powers.

Echoing the Tory slogan in Washington, Moffat asked: "Is the executive to run the State or the legislature?" Governor Lehman's answer to this and that of the Democratic Party is that the "constitution of the State has placed in each one of the three branches of government definite duties, responsibilities and powers."

In respect to the budget-making powers of the executive, the Governor points to the following article of the constitution:

"The legislature may not alter an appropriation bill submitted by the Governor except to strike out or reduce items therein, but it may add thereto items of appropriation provided that such additions are stated separately and distinctly from the original items of the bill and refer each to a single object or purpose. None of the restrictions of this section, however, shall apply to appropriations for the legislature or judiciary."

The Court may reach its decision on the basis of the definition of the word "alter" or the word "item."

It was never contemplated in the constitution, however, Governor Lehman points out, "that the Legislature would eliminate all items in the executive budget and substitute therefore their own unimpaired lump sum appropriations."

### Jefferson High School Teachers Hit Budget Cuts

The Thomas Jefferson Teachers Association, representing the faculty in the Thomas Jefferson High School, yesterday announced opposition to the threatened cut in state aid to education. The Association also voiced disapproval of the proposed cuts in the city educational budget. It called on the Joint Committee of Teachers Organizations to rally teachers for a protest delegation to Albany to oppose the cuts.

### 6,000 Students Protest School Cuts In City

More than 6,000 students and teachers from colleges and high schools of the city demonstrated yesterday afternoon in front of City Hall in protest against failure of the Board of Estimate to include in the 1939-1940 expense budget \$1,161,413.453 as requested by the Board of Education.

The Board of Education item in the budget totals \$133,228,819, which is \$4,183,000 less than the amount asked.

Parading around City Hall Park, the students carried placards blaming the cut on "reactionary Republicans and Tammany men in Albany."

The demonstrators held a meeting at the Benjamin Franklin Statue, near City Hall, and later at Foley Sq.

Slogans carried by the students appealed to the City Council and the State Legislature to "hold tight" and not cut the budget.

"The burden of the cut in education lies on the Albany legislature," said Herbert Witt, executive secretary of the American Student's Union, speaking to the demonstrators.

He referred to the \$2,000,000 reduction from the request of the Board of Higher Education and the failure of the budget to include all that was asked by the Board of Education.

"This cut may mean fees for city colleges," Witt declared. "It will mean fewer instructors and overcrowded classes. It will force the city colleges, of which we all have been proud, to drop out of the Class A educational standard in which they have been so prominent."

"We feel that Mayor LaGuardia and his administration have been outstanding fighters for free and better higher education in New York City. We hope they will continue their efforts to advance education."

### SYPHILIS EXHIBIT

### STARTS TODAY

The Bureau of Social Hygiene of the Department of Health, cooperating with the New York Academy of Medicine, has prepared an exhibit illustrating the marked advance during the 20th century in the knowledge of syphilis of the newborn.

It will open today in the library of the Academy, 2 East 103rd St. The display is entitled "Contributors to the Knowledge of Congenital Syphilis."

Progress in ideology, diagnosis and chemotherapy will be illustrated. There is no admission charge and the public is invited. It will be open daily from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

The exhibit commemorates the 50th anniversary of Alfred Fournier's pronouncement on congenital syphilis in his book "Syphilis and Marriage." Fournier made the

### State GOP Job Benefit Probe Ends

Offers No Constructive Report—But Assails Andrews

ALBANY, April 27.—Republican members of a legislative committee investigating unemployment insurance concluded a three months' witch hunt today by handing up a report which contains nothing more startling than the charge that these have been overpayment of insurance benefits and nothing more unexpected than a denunciation of Industrial Commissioner Frieda S. Miller.

A minority report, prepared by the Democratic members of the committee, charged the Republicans with following a "ruthless political course" in their investigations.

Copies of the majority report were never given to the Democratic members in advance of submission. It was revealed, nor were they notified of meetings and hearings. Star chamber proceedings in the examination of witnesses is also charged.

The Republican report, in assailing Miss Miller, held her chiefly responsible for the "failure" of the unemployment insurance division to operate efficiently. It also condemned Elmer F. Andrews, former State Industrial Commissioner, and Paul Sifton, former director of the Unemployment Insurance Division.

Despite the wholesale criticism of Democratic administrators the report recommends adoption of changes in law suggested by the governor's advisory council and concurred in by Miss Miller.

These would simplify the benefit payment procedure, make for prompt payment of claims and reduce the waiting period.

None of the amendments proposed by the Republicans would liberalize the law as far as coverage is concerned. The report expressed the opinion, however, that a system of merit rating for employers should be adopted at some later date.

Surely experts have contended that such a plan would cause a breakdown in administration and endanger the insurance fund.

The committee has received another extension to May 12, principally to study the merit rating plan further, Chairman Burney revealed.

In their minority report, the Democrats defended the administration of Frieda Miller, whose confirmation as Industrial Commissioner is being blocked by the Senate Finance Committee.

## Labor Board Hears 'Times' Coerced Matthews in Spain

Seldes Testifies Before Hearings On Guild Charge of Bias

Charges of intimidation and "terrorization" of Herbert M. Matthews, correspondent from Loyalist Spain, were hurled at the New York Times yesterday by George Seldes, witness in the National Labor Relations Board hearing on the complaint filed by the Newspaper Guild against indiscriminate dismissals because of union activity.

Seldes, noted newspaper correspondent and author of several books, told Lester M. Levin, trial board examiner, that he saw evidence of this coercion while writing as a special correspondent from Spain for the New York Evening Post between December, 1936, May, 1937.

The hearing, now in its final stage, further shattered the now badly-shaken "impartial" smugness of the New York Times' editorial policy.

Despite frantic objections by the Times' defense counsel, Mr. Goldmark, Mr. Levin was able to put the following question before Seldes:

#### TIMES BACKED CARNEY

"While you were in Spain, as correspondent for the New York Post, did you have occasion to get any information concerning the method or procedure of handling New York Times cables?"

Seldes promptly answered "yes," and then proceeded to testify that he "saw a cablegram from Mr. Edwin L. James, managing editor of the Times, to Matthews," which said:

"Why do you continue to say Italians are fighting in Spain when Carney claims there are no Italians in Spain?"

So obvious was it that Mr. James was trying to coerce Matthews into "planting" his stories from Loyalist Spain after the pattern of William Carney, Franco's unofficial press agent, that even the government censor was disturbed, declared Seldes.

#### SAW CABLE

"The censor was very much upset by the fact that the New York Times' cable desk was intimidating and terrorizing—" at this point the Times counsel broke in to object to further testimony along this line by Seldes, claiming that the "confidential" nature of the cable desk was being violated. He was

over-ruled by the chair. Seldes then continued to say that the Spanish censor showed all the correspondents, "including Mr. Hemingway and myself, and practically everybody there, the Times' cable sent to their correspondent, Matthews."

When Mr. Goldmark attempted to prove that such a procedure was

violating the confidences between a newspaper and correspondent, he was reminded that such a procedure is followed in every country, even in "our government," particularly during war times.

The hearing, now in its eighth week, is expected to wind up today at the Times Square Hotel.

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ment of the State of New York.

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## Stop the Hobbs Bill!

Most of us are not aware that more than 90 "anti-alien" bills have been introduced into Congress this session.

They range from the downright swastika type introduced by Martin Dies which calls for deportations of everybody who he thinks is a "communist," to Senator Reynolds' plan to deport any non-citizen who has been unable to find work for six months and has had to depend on relief.

There is a method in this "alien-hating" hysteria. If "aliens" can be subjected to the brutalities of Hitlerism, then the rest of America will be that much easier prey. Of course, the Dies gang overlooks the fact that 17,000,000 Americans are of foreign parentage, 8,500,000 have at least one foreign-born parent, and 14,000,000 are foreign-born. These people are a mighty part of American labor and American life. The idea is to terrorize them first; all of us will come next.

The Hobbs "Concentration Camp" Bill, H.R. 4768, is one of the worst of these Dies alien-hating bills. It is up for immediate action. You still have time to wire your Congressman to vote "No" on a measure which calls for concentration camps for non-citizens who can't get passports.

## Illegal and Inhuman

The slashes in the New York state budget are more than illegal, as Attorney General John J. Bennett, Jr., declared in an opinion Thursday to Governor Lehman. They are downright inhuman.

Nor is the matter of lump-sum the dominant issue. Even were the slashes done by a bill of particulars they would be as scathing and as harmful to the people.

The reactionary Republicans, however, sought to hide behind the lump-sum device. But they did not count on the swift protest, the organized objections of the people.

That is why the guilty legislators hastily adjourned when the parents arrived in Albany to protest the \$9,000,000 cut in the school budget alone. The Republican legislators did not want to explain that the cuts made in the welfare of the people are made to save the profits of the wealthy who want their taxes reduced.

Opposition and resistance to these wholesale slashes in much-needed state expenditures is welling up on all sides.

However much the lump-sum issue is pressed in the courts, the final outcome of these outrageous slashes depends on the people and their readiness to fight against it to the bitter end and with all their forces.

## An Important Law In Danger

The House Labor Committee has voted out a series of Wages-Hours amendments whose character can be judged from the fact that the unions were not permitted to appear and testify against them.

Instead of strengthening the act, every one of the amendments weakens it by depriving workers in many industries of all or part of the protection of the law. And what is worse, these amendments may open the way for destroying the Act altogether.

Both the Times and the Herald Tribune yesterday declared that the only trouble with the amendments was that they did not go far enough and that the 25-cent minimum should be abolished altogether. Meanwhile, the convention of the American Newspaper Publishers Association this week launched an attack upon the law which is bound to be echoed in every single reactionary paper throughout the country.

After the high-handed style with which the House Labor Committee acted on the amendments, it can be expected that they will be rushed to the floor under gag rule procedure unless the unions act promptly.

## Tory Style

Rep. Woodrum's WPA Investigating Committee has sent one H. R. Burton to New York to do a most peculiar kind of "investigating."

Instead of trying to ascertain the relief needs (if there still remains any doubt) and to what extent the WPA is meeting them, this Mr. Burton is button-holing Workers Alliance members and asking them about their political and union activities, whether they have participated in demonstrations, etc.

the Alliance has been prompt to inform its members, the committee has absolutely no authority to ask such questions.

Can it be that Rep. Woodrum's Committee doesn't like the idea of the Alliance sum-

moning a Right to Work Congress in Washington on May 27 to fight for an adequate relief appropriation for this and next year? And is the witch-hunt which is now going on, the Committee's way of trying to undermine this Congress?

If so, the Tories are doomed to disappointment. If anything, the disgraceful activities of the Woodrum committee are demonstrating to the entire country how necessary it is to make the Right to Work Congress a tremendous success.

## May Day—And Unity

Only a few days left now. Last minute preparations are being speeded for huge May Day celebrations this year.

World labor is putting the final touches to its plans for this greatest of labor's days in the most menacing war situation.

On the eve of May Day, fascism is threatening to plunge mankind into a new world slaughter. Democracy, human progress, peace everywhere are in extreme danger.

Labor this May Day must see and demonstrate the fact that it is the most decisive force for unification of the people, for the preservation of peace and democracy, for progress to socialism.

This can best be done by LABOR UNITY. That is, the watchword of May Day, 1939—the unity, the solidarity of labor against fascism and war.

## Financing the Rockefellers

It takes money to break a strike. And Standard Oil which is now trying to smash the tanker strike, has always believed in letting the public pay the bill. So yesterday this Rockefeller corporation boosted the retail price of its gasoline and oil.

This rise in price is also a sign of the effectiveness of the strike of the National Maritime Union—a walkout which, if you judged by the silence of most of the metropolitan papers, isn't supposed to exist at all.

Like the striking seamen, the general public has long been fleeced by the Rockefellers. Instead of helping the corporation break the strike, surely the public will help labor in its boycott of Esso, Socony and Tydol gasoline and all other products of the four oil companies which are refusing to sign a contract with the workers.

## The Dewey Technique

After the November elections, Mr. Thomas Dewey promised to take an active interest in state and national affairs.

But he has been as silent as the grave. He sees nothing, hears nothing, and says nothing.

Pardon us. We are wrong. He is saying a lot. But he is saying it secretly, off the record. He is going around the country talking privately to the men who pull the wires. He is reassuring them that he is "safe" on all crucial political issues. He saw Hoover. And Hoover has O.K.'d him.

But why doesn't Dewey tell the American people what he thinks on the questions of the hour? What does he think of the Republican state budget in New York which will close schools, stop highway building and slash social agencies? Is he in favor? After all, these slashes are coming from his own Republican colleagues, the men he stumped for in November.

Dewey's lack of frankness is a sinister sign. He hopes to be all things to all those who can be corralled into an anti-Roosevelt drive. The people should smoke him out.

## A N. Y. Times Headline

Some more journalistic tricks. The New York Times headlined yesterday:

"Embargo Plan Hit By Women Voters."

The reader with the "headline mentality" immediately thinks that the women have voted against some plan to embargo aggressor nations.

But the real facts are that the women voted to repeal the present law which calls for an embargo against the victim as well as the aggressor, and voted to slap an embargo on the aggressor alone, helping the victim with supplies. They voted for "discriminatory action against those who violate international agreements."

The Times headline concealed the real situation. An old trick.

## 100% Harvey

There is no indecision about Borough President George ("Rubber Hose") Harvey of Queens. He is clearly a man of action.

With the city facing a budgetary crisis as a result of the financial restrictions imposed by the Republican legislature, Harvey was faced with a problem: should he let the city workers in the lower brackets and important social services suffer? Or should he help ease the financial crisis by joining with the Mayor and the rest of the Board of Estimate in taking a voluntary cut?

A knotty problem? Not for Mr. Harvey! Without having to give the matter a minute's consideration, he instinctively decided that as between the people and George U. Harvey, the people would have to take the cut. (President Lyons of the Bronx was the only other Board of Estimate member to refuse to turn back 10 per cent of his salary.)

"One hundred per cent patriot," is what Harvey calls himself. One hundred per cent for the Harvey bank account!

## 'THIS WILL ELECT YOU'



## Labor Will Not Be Tied to a War Policy

The letter which William Green sent to the Foreign Relations Committee yesterday supporting a policy of so-called "neutrality" was shocking to labor and progressive people everywhere.

Perhaps, William Green himself felt the shame of it, for he transmitted his ideas not in person but through the notorious Mr. Scharrenberg.

In aligning himself against any American action to halt the aggressions of Hitlerism, he joins with the Republican high command headed by such Tories as Taft and Vandenberg. He flies in the face of the well-established stand which the A. F. of L. conventions in the past had repeated again and again. At the 1937 convention, William Green had personally signed the resolution which called for "concerted action between free people to protect the world's right to peace as the only guarantee of peace." The A. F. of L. drive for the anti-Nazi and anti-Japanese boycott had the support of every friend of labor. Now Green picks out just that moment when Hitler aggressions are on the increase to turn a somersault, and urge a "let-Hitler-alone" policy. What is the meaning of this?

It apparently continues the anti-New Deal strategy which the Matthew Woll crowd tried unsuccessfully to put over at the Houston

Convention though they did succeed in forcing it back a step on this question. This time it aligns Green with the Tories not only on domestic issues but on foreign policy as well.

Having sabotaged labor unity and collaborated with the reactionaries in the fight to cripple the Wagner Act, Green and Woll now seem determined to tie American labor to the chariot of a reactionary foreign policy which can only breed fascist war.

But we are confident that Green's letter does not speak for the overwhelming majority of A. F. of L. unionists. They still stand, stronger than ever, behind the anti-Nazi boycotts and the policy of concerted peace efforts which naturally flows from it. They want to halt Hitlerism—more than ever.

We are sure that the A. F. of L. membership, which has spoken out in large numbers for concerted peace efforts, will inform Congress, especially Senator Thomas, that they do not support the "let-Hitler-alone" policy, but rather urge basic revision of our law to permit America to withdraw economic support from any aggressor nation, as in the Thomas Amendment. They will act to unify labor's ranks behind the CIO stand of embargoing the aggressor, behind President Roosevelt's peace efforts. Their love of America's peace will speak out through their repudiation of William Green's reactionary letter.

## Letters From Our Readers

### Joe Interne Wants A Decent Life—

Editor, Daily Worker:  
I am a fairly constant reader of your column and have been impressed with your feeling for the individual in this society and your steady battle for human values.

Here is a story told me by one of my fellow-internees and which might be of interest to you. This internee wanted to buy one of those New Schick razors costing about \$15. But since, as with many of us, his parents being unable to support him, he must live on his salary, he could not buy it outright. For that little item is precisely equal to one month's salary. He therefore went to the credit department of one of New York's bigger department stores (Ludwig Bauman's) with the plan of purchasing the razor on a two-dollar-a-week basis.

In the ante-room he waited his turn with stenographers, clerks, laborers and other workmen. Finally he was approached by a smoothly dressed young man to whom he stated his purpose; he also informed the employee of his pedigree and told him he was an internee. Whereupon the young employee excused himself and went into an inner room to confer with a superior. He soon returned with: "Sorry, we can't extend the credit; you internees don't make enough."

When my colleague told us the story in the dining hall that evening there was bitterness in his voice. "How the hell do they expect me to practice my profession with dignity," he said. "How do they expect me to care for my patients as a man when all the while I cannot get the things I need to live decently and my economic position is that of a child."

Respectfully,  
JOE INTERNE,  
Bellevue Hospital.

### Get Truth About World Events By Building Daily Worker—

Editor, Daily Worker:  
Events are moving so fast that people everywhere question what is really happening and whom can they believe.

History is being made, and, with war menacing Europe, thereby endangering the peace of the world, the press plays a very important and significant part.

With distortions, lies and misinterpretations coming from the capitalist press and radio, it is a comfort to turn to the Daily Worker as the only paper giving a true and comprehensive analysis of world conditions. It's most important, therefore, to build the Daily and Sunday Worker as the only paper revealing and fighting racial hatred, reaction and fascism.

RHODA KASHIM.

### 'Help Bring the Boys Back Home'—

Editor, Daily Worker:  
I was so happy to read in the Daily Worker that my dear son and the other seventy boys are now in France.

As a mother, let me ask that all of us kindly help

the boys come home. Let us help bring them to their loved ones and help those who can't help themselves.

Forever grateful,  
MRS. A. GRAVER,  
Mother of a Veteran.

### 'Fifth Columnists of the Fourth Estate'—

Editor, Daily Worker:  
Secretary Ickes, in his address before the Newspaper Guild, threw a spotlight on the anti-New Deal critics of the columns and aptly called them "columnists." In the light of the recent pro-Hitler proclivities of Messrs. Johnson, Boakes Carter, et al, we might with just cause call them the "Fifth Columnists of the Fourth Estate."

MURRAY ROTHFELD.

### 'Lest We Forget'—

Editor, Daily Worker:  
Thanks to the Republican victory in the November elections in our State, we are getting so little for our farm produce that we are practically unable to get a decent three squares a day let alone pay taxes or interest.

Funny thing about that, too, the people seem to have forgotten all and learned nothing from the Republican-Hoover debacle.

We farmers must learn that the solution to our problem is through organization and joining with the workers for progress.

A FARMER.

### Making America 'Safe for Reaction'—

Editor, Daily Worker:  
Anti-New Dealers are now busy trying to sabotage Roosevelt's new request for relief and cripple the Wagner Wages and Hours Law. They want to blame the New Deal for their dirty work and make America safe for reaction.

The welfare of the American people is the last thing they care about. But the American people will not let them succeed. They know that the program of labor and the New Deal is the only thing that stands between them and a repetition of 1932.

The response of the American people to this slashing of WPA should be a warning that they are not going to get away with it.

The small crumb of relief is in itself but a crumb of the loaf that really belongs to the farmers and workers and when the workers here really come into their own, our great and bounteous country will become a land of smiling peace and plenty instead of a nervous wreck as at present.

MICHAEL STANTON.

### 'Is It On the Level?'—

Editor, Daily Worker:  
McKees Rock is a industrial town, with steel mills, foundries, car shops, steel fabricating shops. There are

## World Front

By HARRY GANNES



### Japan's Increasing Difficulties in China Weakens Fascist Triangle

China's effective resistance to Japanese aggression is doing more than bog down the Nipponese armies all along a 3,000 mile front.

It is playing havoc with the relations of Tokio to the Rome-Berlin axis and to the fascist triangle.

Only the least informed today do not see through the tricky, so-called Anti-Comintern pact. This device is the No. 1 diplomatic camouflage of the fascists to conceal their actual wars against the interests and security of Great Britain, France and the United States.

After his Munich "appeasement," Hitler continued his aggressions to the injury, primarily, of Great Britain, France and the United States.

The "Anti-Comintern" pact maneuvers could not shield the realities of these fascist aggressions.

Japan's war in China is directed also against the United States, Great Britain and France.

However, the Nipponese aggressors sought to hide this state of affairs behind the "Anti-Comintern" pact.

Now that Hitler, in rejecting President Roosevelt's peace proposals, more bluntly attacks the United States and the other democracies, openly threatening world war against them, Tokio is finding it tougher to cover up the major purpose of its China war.

That is why agile attempts are made in Japan to straddle the axis and the triangle.

For instance: whereas Mussolini and Hitler in Europe make it ever plainer that their war is against the interests of France, Great Britain, as well as of the United States, the Japanese war-makers are not so happy about this exposure. Especially is this true because of the attitude of the Japanese people who have been completely misinformed about the major purpose of Tokio's aggression.

Japan clings to the "Anti-Comintern" smoke-screen of its war in China.

Now, Tokio is wary about committing itself further in the desperate adventures and gambles of the Rome-Berlin axis. Tokio is painfully aware that Japan is in the midst of her most desperate gamble at this very moment, and that the signs are not propitious for the fascist samurai of the rising sun. That is why we read such headlines as the following in the N. Y. Herald Tribune: "Japan to Avoid Military Pact With the Axis; Ministers Will Strengthen Anti-Comintern Ties But Steer Clear of War Risk." This is a strange admixture. To strengthen the "Anti-Comintern" pact is another fascist way of saying to extend the present war against the interests of the democracies. And yet, the point about balking on further military arrangements with the axis, if it indicates anything, reveals the nervousness of Japan over any requests along these lines that may be suddenly made of it.

Just when the fascist war triangle is about to call on Japan for greater risks, the Japanese armies in China are being harassed as never before.

At present, Japan is fearful that it may lose Nanchang, capital of Kiangsi, the city on which it expended so much effort, men and war materials. Nanchang actually marked a turning point in China's resistance. Its fall was the transition to what is known as the second stage of China's battle for freedom. Advances are almost impossible now for Japan.

To plunge deeper into China, the Nipponese militarists would have to draw heavily on their diminishing economic, financial and military reserves. Even then, new gains would cost tenfold more than precarious old ones. Soon Japan would bog down again. She cannot sustain much greater effort.

Meanwhile, the Chinese are battering away at the thinned Japanese lines. The Japanese troops are not only many more hundreds of miles away from their base but they are fighting in ever more difficult territory. Their lengthened lines are waylaid, harassed, attacked and harried from beginning to end.

This can be seen in the situations where in Southwest China, the Chinese are assaulting the Japanese troop concentrations in Nanchang. At the same time, clear down to Nanking and even in the Shanghai area, Chinese guerrillas keep slashing away at the weakening Japanese lines.

Around Canton, the Chinese have virtually encircled the Japanese troops. The initiative here is in the hands of China. To the north, Shanxi province, particularly, where the Japanese began their invasion early and vigorously, they are showing signs of great feebleness. The Chinese troops there never give them a moment's pause.

In this way, China is playing an even greater international role against the fascist aggression of the axis and triangle. China will, in the very near future, be an even more decisive factor in the issue of world peace and democracy.

enough mills in this town to absorb all the unemployed and many out-of-town workers.

But due to the fact that the industrialists are on a sit-down strike, many of these mills are working part time with hundreds of workers unemployed.

The young people have always been deprived of recreational centers, swimming pools and a public library. They have been forced to play on dangerous streets and swimming in the treacherous and dirty river.

Recently, it was announced that the figureheads of these steel mills were launching a big program to organize a Boys' Club, which will provide recreational facilities and vocational training. But the progressive organizations in the community who have been fighting for this sort of thing have not heard a word from these industrialists.

There is also a Steel Workers' Organizing Committee here with many shops under contract and they have not been notified.

Out of the list of officers and Board of Directors, there isn't one person that represents labor.

I urge everybody in McKees Rock to analyze this situation for themselves and keep these two questions in mind:

Why hasn't this been done before? Why are they interested in the young people all of a sudden?

We should all be in favor of a thing like this, but it should be done by the Borough and not by a clique of industrialists.

P. D.



## Change the World

The Tory Republicans  
And the Fire Chief  
Of Barrington, Ill.

By MIKE GOLD

LADIES and gentlemen, if you will step this way a moment, and come up closer to the platform, I will introduce to you Fire Chief Victor Rieke, of Barrington, Illinois, whom all authorities regard as a perfect specimen of the fossilized Republican.

Chief Rieke became famous last week through the following incident. It seems that a fire broke out in a cello-silk factory one mile from Barrington. The chief and his volunteers were called to the scene by the owner, John Sarcano, and arrived in good time with all the equipment.

But after having answered the alarm, the chief suddenly remembered that this factory boss owed him a bill of fifty dollars for having put out another such fire two years ago. It seems that the volunteers are paid by Barrington for every fire they fight within the city limits, but for fires outside the town they have to collect from individual property owners.

So while the flames were devouring the cello-silk, the chief presented the old bill to Mr. Sarcano. "Give us the \$50 you owe us or we don't pump a lick!" said the chief, speaking with the approval of his men. They also could not forgive or forget, and had called an emergency executive meeting the moment they realized that this was the factory, of that dirty hold-out, John Sarcano.

Mr. Sarcano wrung his hands. Mr. Sarcano beat his chest and tore his hair. It was the middle of the night, and Mr. Sarcano did not have all of fifty dollars in his wallet. There was no one to borrow from; the banks and stores were closed.

Mr. Sarcano pleaded. Mr. Sarcano threatened. Mr. Sarcano threw his. Mr. Sarcano poured out his heart. Mr. Sarcano wept. Nothing did any good. Where was the \$50 of two years ago? Meanwhile the fire was burning merrily, while the volunteers stood around and rooted for it versus Sarcano as though they were at a ball game. It burned and burned until the whole factory was burned down, to the tune of a \$50,000 loss to John Sarcano.

Afterward, when interviewed by the press, the chief calmly stroked his moustache, and said with all the high dignity and firmness of a Supreme Court Justice: "We decided to make it clear to those living outside Barrington that they must pay us for their fire protection."

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is the attitude the Tory Republicans take toward the world-conflagration that has begun to lick with fiery tongues at the doorsteps of America.

They will let the national house burn down unless Roosevelt pays them what they think are their just dues. They want an end of unemployment relief, an end of government supervision of the Wall Street racketeers, an end to the Wagner Act that for the first time in America gives some measure of the same citizenship and legal status to the workers that the exploiters have always enjoyed.

They are as morally outraged as chief Rieke and his volunteers. The rich have always regarded America as their own private property, and they feel that Roosevelt has robbed them of their inalienable rights by yielding a few rights to the people.

Ah, what pacifist poses they strike in Congress, the Senate and Wall Street, as they accuse Roosevelt of being a "war-monger!" What quivering, bleeding hearts they exhibit to the public as they preach against imperialism and war, these soldiers of reaction whose whole lives and careers have been spent in making bloody war on the masses, (page Tom Girdler, the pacifist).

But they fool nobody. It is obvious that they only want to sabotage Roosevelt and his reforms. They are willing to wreck the national defense and to encourage the fascist dictators, rather than accept Roosevelt. Roosevelt is trying to stop war. But they are willing to turn Asia, South America and Europe over to fascism and war. Let the house burn down, they say, if we cannot collect our debt. Let democracy perish from the world, unless Roosevelt pays us that fifty dollars!

The rich have always put their class interests above the nation. They are acting as traitorously today as they have in every other great emergency. It is the rotten spot in the democracies, and the fascists have been shrewd enough strategists to use it as their base for undermining the democracies from within. But what a mistake Hitler and Mussolini are making if they think a Hamilton Fish, a Hugh Johnson or Herbert Hoover speak for America! These are only the same Copperheads that hissed at Lincoln, and they will end in the same way.

## HOW DO YOU FEEL?

### HEALTH ADVICE

#### Poison Oak or Poison Ivy

Now that summer is coming, hikers, vacationists, picknickers and workmen in the woods will have the usual set of natural hazards to face. One of the most annoying of these is poison oak, or poison ivy, which causes a severe skin irritation.

Recognizing that poison ivy is a cause of many disabilities among workmen, the Industrial Hygiene Service of the California Public Health Dept. has provided information to avert the hazard. Gloves and masks, to protect the skin against contact with the plant, are recommended for use wherever practicable. Walking without socks is particularly bad since the plant grows close to the ground.

Further information about poison oak may be obtained by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., for a bulletin on the subject. This pamphlet is five cents.

While household medical handbooks recommend the use of various solutions to be painted on the irritated skin, most of these are useless. It is best to remember two things. 1. What the poison ivy looks like. This is important because if you are sensitive to it or allergic to skin irritants or are allergic the best treatment is to avoid the poison ivy plant. It is a characteristic three-leaved shrub with reddish central vein on the leaves. All sufferers should learn to identify it and to keep their eyes on the ground in walking through the woods, as it grows low. 2. If you think you have touched it, do not rub other parts of the body but, instead, wash the exposed parts thoroughly with a good soap and hot water. The soap washes off excess of the plant secretion which is an oil. Avoid touching other parts of the body with the hands.

#### AUCTION STEINBECK NOVEL

Among the items to be auctioned by the Viking Press Unit of the Book and Magazine Guild tonight is an autographed first edition of John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath." The book also contains an inscription in Spanish by Mr. Steinbeck relating to the theme of the book. The auction will be held at Child Headquarters, 233 Fourth Ave., at 7 o'clock.

## 'Juarez' Is Film Epic of Mexico Portraying Fight for Democracy

Muni and Davis  
Take Honors in  
Warner Picture

Directed by William Dieterle. Screenplay by John Huston, Wolfgang Reinhardt and Annen MacKenzie, based on a play by Frank Wright and the novel, "The Phantom Crown," by Bertila Harding. With a cast including Paul Muni, Bette Davis, Brian Aherne, Claude Rains, John Garfield and others. At the Hollywood.

By Ben Cooper

Juarez is a remarkable film. It is important for its restatement of the fundamental principles of democracy at a time when democracy is threatened the world over by the advances of fascist oppression. The Warner Brothers are therefore to be commended for the courage they have displayed in remaking, for the film audience, a story which has immediate significance for our day; a story whose parallels will be apparent to the least observant.

It suited the purposes of Napoleon III to establish in the country which lies below our Rio Grande border, a "benevolent" monarchy under the rule of the puppet Maximilian von Hapsburg and his tragic Queen, Carlota. It was of relatively little importance that Maximilian was, within his limitations, a man of decent purposes who took seriously the monarch's oath to protect the lives and interests of "his" subjects. There was, simply, a "word" that stood between Maximilian (who protected France's imperialist interests in Mexico) and a man of humble Indian origin—Juarez. That word was "democracy."

For Benito Juarez had risen from humble origins to the presidency of a new republic, which was threatened, from the outset, by the dictatorship of the third Napoleon. Young Republic's Life in Danger

A phony plebiscite placed Maximilian on the throne. Benito Juarez did not give up the struggle. Menaced from without by the French army of occupation, and from within by traitors in his cabinet, Juarez, who had sold out to the French emperor (you will think of Spain all through this picture), the young Republic's life hung in the balance. Other interests were at work as well. America, having ended her own Civil War, was concerned about possible violations of the Monroe Doctrine (which today forms the basis of President Roosevelt's good neighbor policy) and Napoleon the Third finally thought it best to withdraw his army. Following his destiny, which was the creature of misrepresentation and bad advice from the beginning, Maximilian, the puppet emperor, refused to abdicate. He met death at the hands of a firing squad, a man of decent instincts and a weakling. His empress went mad, and Benito Juarez reassumed the presidency.

The magnificence of such a theme affords Paul Muni and Bette Davis ample opportunity to display some of the best acting the screen has



Paul Muni as "Juarez"

seen in years. As Benito Juarez, Muni gives one of the greatest performances of his career and Miss Davis as Carlota adds sensitivity and beautiful restraint to one of the most difficult roles she has ever played. The supreme excellence of his dynamic portrayal is only slightly overshadowed by Muni and Davis. Credit must also go to Claude Rains and Gale Sondergaard and the rest of the cast.

### Moving and Vibrant Production

That William Dieterle, one of Hollywood's most progressive directors, enjoyed his work to the fullest extent is evidenced by the way he has knit the story of "Juarez" into a moving and vibrant whole. Sometimes such epics grow wooden under

less competent direction but Dieterle has made even the occasional routine moments dramatic in their intensity and power. With such a cast as this and such a director, "Juarez" has really proven the Warner's statement "How Great the Screen Can Be."

For what it has to say, in unequivocal terms, about the conflict between foreign aggression of a distinctly dictatorial pattern, and rule of, by and for the people, "Juarez" is distinguished, and it must be given wide circulation. For in our own time we have enemies within and without who are working to overthrow the popular government that the American people have established and which they would like to see extended.

### STAGE

## Capek's 'The Mother' Is Confused Anti-War Play

THE MOTHER, by Karel Capek. English version by Paul Selver and Miles Mollison. Directed by Miles Mollison. Produced by Victor Payne-Jennings and Kathleen Robinson. Lyceum Theatre.

By Abel Gorham

When one considers what a wide experience the late Karel Capek had as a playwright, newspaperman, scenario writer, and student of stagecraft, one is sharply disappointed at the confusion and undramatic conversational quality of his last play "The Mother."

The theme of the play appears to be the unwilling suffering of a mother whose sons and husband are taken from her in the cause of imperialist ventures, scientific research, radical activity, counter-revolution, and a military test flight. Artistically, the five deaths can only be described as gauche. The improbability of so wide a variety of causes of death, and the reappearance in the sitting room of the departed members of the family steer the performance onto the shoals of Grand Guignol.

The author does not differentiate validity of purpose from brute sacrifice resulting in death. To him, it is equally tragic that one man loses his life seeking a cure for a tropical malady, and another has been ambushed defending a colonial "strip of barren rock in Africa." His commentary on both is "All heroes, and all finished."

"Although later in the play there is an effort to counterbalance this injudicious evaluation with a statement to the effect that a man must sometimes sacrifice something for the truth, the burden of Mr. Capek's message is that it's not worth the trouble."

In the play, there is a character who is intended to be a Communist. While his general attitude is toward being kindly, his utterances grow out of Capek's ignorance of Communism. The result is the delineation of a nihilist, if anything, exulting in praise of destruction, and war as a means of cleansing the world of its evils.

### Wrote a Play Against Fascism

The author writes of death and war, but his pen is dipped in tears, not blood. He is preoccupied with intimate personal tragedy, and intricate self-analysis, using as a springboard weak, atypical material. His central figure of the mother is motivated by self-pity rather than justice. The playwright's understanding of causes of war and revolution is limited to highly personalized biases, with a shocking disregard for the open struggle between Fascism and Democracy.

All this is especially surprising when one knows how in recent years Mr. Capek was drawn into the struggle to preserve the cultural progress of his native country against the encroaching barbarism of Nazism from across the border. He was considered an outstanding leader in the anti-fascist struggle, and his play "The White Scourge" in 1936 was a direct at-

## Mayor Greets Cast of WPA Musical Show

Mayor LaGuardia was one of the many prominent persons who sent a telegram of good wishes to the "Sing for Your Supper" company on its opening night. The message, addressed to "Members of the Cast" of the company, was proudly posted at the Adelphi, where every player in the company would see it as he signed in and out on opening night, and it read as follows:

"I am looking forward to seeing your show but I cannot come tonight. I leave opening nights for big shots. I'll be along later on with the regular folks. Good luck and every success."

"Florence H. LaGuardia."

The Mayor has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Federal Theatre since its inception and has seen every important project production to date. He was in the first night audience at "The Swing Mikado" along with Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and other notables.

## Film Program At Museum of Modern Art

Daily film programs will be an important part of the large exhibition Art in Our Time with which the Museum of Modern Art will celebrate its tenth anniversary and inaugurate its new building on May eleventh.

The Museum of Modern Art Film Library, which conducts the Museum's activities in the field of the motion picture, will provide the films for the exhibition. The function of the Film Library is to collect and preserve representative motion pictures of all types, as well as related material, with the object of making them available for study.

For the first time in its four years of existence, the Film Library will be housed with its parent organization, in the new building of the Museum of Modern Art at 11 West 53rd Street. Here it will continue to expand its unique function as repository and source of information concerning all phases of film art, technique and history. Its large library of books, periodicals, still photographs, manuscripts, scenic designs and musical scores is a constant source of reference and information to students, instructors, members of the film industry and of the general public all over the United States. The records it has amassed, together with the many hundreds of motion pictures in its archives, are providing an authoritative and critical history of the growth of this newest, most vital and most profoundly influential of the arts.

### A Cycle Of Seventy Films

From this wealth of material the Film Library has arranged more than 50 two-hour programs of films, each illustrating a particular phase of motion picture history and accompanied by illuminating and scholarly program notes. These programs are regularly circulated to more than 200 colleges, museums and student groups throughout the country.

Now for the first time these film programs will be seen by members of the general public together with the comprehensive exhibition of painting, sculpture, architecture, photography and industrial arts with which the new Museum building opens. The condition on which most of the films have been placed in the custody of the Film Library is that they be shown only to members of educational or cultural institutions or groups. Special permission, however, has been granted by the film industry to show these programs to Museum visitors during the exhibition, Art in Our Time, which will be open until Oct. 1.

A cycle of seventy films has been grouped into 30 two-hour programs to be given successively day by day in the Museum's auditorium.

### Minor Article on War Is Featured in May Issue of 'Communist'

A masterly article by Robert Minor entitled, "The Second Imperialist War," features the May issue of the "Communist," the official organ of the Communist Party of the U. S. A.

Other articles include, "Review of the Month," by Alex Bittel; "May Day and the Struggle for Democracy and Peace," by I. Amter; "The Auto Workers Forge Unity at the Cleveland Convention," by B. K. Gebert; "The Technique of the Mass Campaign," by William Z. Foster; "Problems of the National Groups in the U. S.," by Irene Browder; "Some Observations on How to Study the History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union," by A. Landy; "The Life of a Great American Working Class Leader," a review of William Z. Foster's "Pages From a Worker's Life," by Elizabeth Gurley Flynn.

## COMEBACK



Warner Baxter and Lynn Bari come to the Roxy film today in "The Return of Cisco Kid."

**ROOSEVELT DOUBLE BILL**  
For one week starting today, the Roosevelt Theatre's program will be: Alexander Dovzhenko's daring and dramatic epic of the Soviet Eastern border, the scene of the great international problem that now confronts the world, "Frontier," and "The Volga Boatman" with Pierre Blanchard and Vera Korene.

### WRITERS' COURSES

Registration for the classes in writing is now on at the League of American Writers, New York Chapter, 381 Fourth Avenue. The schedule of courses for this new spring term of the Writers' School includes: Elementary and Advanced Courses in Pulp Writing and Elementary and Advanced Courses in Radio Script Writing. In addition, a new Extension Department in Creative Writing has been established for students who are unable to attend the school in person.

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HARRY SLAPPY of "Hot Mikado" and BILLIE HALLIDAY  
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## Paul de Kruif Series on Air Tomorrow

Emphasizing the theme that rickets and tuberculosis are needlessly the plight of millions of American children who are without the human quota of life-giving sunlight, "Children of the Shadows," dramatized from Paul de Kruif's "Why Keep Them Alive?" will be presented by the Federal Theatre Radio Division in the "Men Against Death" Series tomorrow, April 29th, from 2 to 2:30 P.M. (EST).

The scene is the dirt-infested, airless slums of Cincinnati, although it might be in any American city. Families are portrayed living in the depths of degradation owing to poverty, lack of sunlight and elementary medical care. Diseases—rickets and tuberculosis—are the lot of the pot-bellied, misshapen, pallid-faced youngsters who long, like normal children, to play in the fresh air and health-giving sun.

### Case Histories Portrayed

Case history after case history is enacted—pitiful and heartsearching. But there is a ray of distant hope: the current government program is underwriting building construction, clearing slums, building parks and playgrounds. According to Cincinnati's Housing Authority, it would cost 150 millions to replace these slums with clean, decent dwellings.

Paul de Kruif asks: Is it not worth it?  
Harold Hartogensis wrote the script for this broadcast which Brewster Morgan directs.

### AMERICAN PEOPLE'S CHORUS

The Earl Robinson Chorus, affiliated with the International Workers Order, located at 846 Seventh Ave., has changed its name to the "American People's Chorus." Earl Robinson is continuing as director.

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PERSONAL--BUT NOT PRIVATE

By DAVE FARRELL

More About the Brotherhood League, Run By the Players

In a previous installment I started to tell you of the great Brotherhood League, the one and only major league that was player owned and operated. I got as far as the first concerted effort of the National League magnates to head off some of the more active boys by taking them on a tour of the world when I ran out of white space. Now let's see if we can pick up the main plot again.

Baseball, that is organized baseball, had been enjoying fat years in the 1880s. The game had really caught on. The National, the only major league, was really shovelling it in and the minor leagues were beginning to take root. And as for the players they weren't as dumb as the magnates thought they were. They proved it by starting the Brotherhood of Professional Baseball Players, a trade union. At first this seemed nothing more than a fraternal organization. And the wiser heads among the players were content to let it go at just that. But all this while they kept up a steady process of education and organization. Before long they had their brethren smartened up.

Then they began to see what was going on, how much money was being made out of the game. And more to the point how little it really cost to run organized baseball. You must realize that in those days a major league club didn't need the cooperation of highly centralized monopoly capital. For instance, there was no 25 man player limit. No club carried over 14 men. And here I should like to point out that in 1889 the Cincinnati Reds, the first organized professional team that went on tour, had but ten men on the playing roster. And their combined salaries were but \$2,800 for the season.

There was no such thing as spring training and its attendant expenses. Railroad rates were extremely reasonable and the jumps were not far. Besides there was always a way of getting "rebates." Baseball spent very little money in the way of promotion. There was no necessity for it. There was very little competition in the entertainment field. There were no movies or radio to keep the people home. College football hadn't become the gigantic hippodrome that it is now. The pro game was practically non-existent. So all in all baseball was king.

If baseball was king, argued the players, weren't they entitled to a little of the profits they earned? After all, they insisted that the best day they ever lived the magnates, shaved, pompadoured and pomaded couldn't attract an armful of people. They insisted that the public paid to see them play. And I think they had something there. And there was another thing that gripped the boys, the reserve clause. This was the bit of legal hogwash and pokus that made it possible for the club owners to swap, trade and sell players at will, at random and ad nauseam.

The players, be it noted, could get nowhere. The Supreme Court had ruled against them. But this didn't stop them from airing the complaints. They even sent a committee of John M. Ward, president of the Brotherhood, Dan Brouthers, the immortal, and Ned Hanlon, who was later to manage the legendary Baltimore Orioles of John McGraw, Hugh Jennings and Willie Keeler, to confer with the magnates. But not even this triumvirate could get anywhere with Mr. A. G. Spalding and the rest of the moneybags of the National League.

So the boys talked it over and took what might be called a strike vote. And much to their surprise most of the Big Names went along with them. Who were the Names of that era? Well, fellows like Buck Ewing, whom McGraw put on his All Time-All America as catcher, Mike "King" Kelly, Sam Crane, who later became a prominent sports writer, Connie Mack, Jimmy Welsh, the immortal Arlie Latham, Dan Brouthers, John Ward, Ned Hanlon, Fred Pfeffer, John Rowe and a host of others whose names may not strike a responsive note at this late date. But take it from me that the players were pretty solid behind this movement. In fact so much so that on November 4th there appeared in the newspapers this last paragraph to a document which the biased Spalding in his history of the National League calls "a revolutionary manifesto":

"Then, upon their final refusal to meet us we began organizing for ourselves, and are in shape to go ahead next year under new management and new auspices. We believe that it is possible to conduct our national game upon lines which will not infringe upon individual and natural rights. We ask to be judged solely by our work and believing that the game can be played more fairly and its business conducted more intelligently under a plan which excludes everything arbitrary and un-American, we look forward with confidence to the support of the public and the future of the national game."

"THE NATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF BALL PLAYERS."

Again I see that I can't get it all into this installment. So you'll have to wait until tomorrow for the concluding chapter. But it will be tomorrow, I promise you.

WHAT'S ON

Tonight: MAURITZ JOHANN: "Hiller's Answer: Sound & Fury." 8:15 P.M. Sharp. P.Y.C. Forum, Penthouse Studios, 430 Sixth Ave., NYC. Sub. 15. Studio Party-Dancing. Entertainment. Refreshments: not to mention Atmosphere! 8 P.M. Adm. 50c. 12th St. NYC. Aup. Discussion Circle.

Tomorrow: FLATBUSH ARTS THEATRE-Presents Outstanding Theatre Program of Three One-Act Plays--"I've Got the Time," "Rehearsal" and "Plant in the Sun." Saturday, April 20, 8:30 P.M. at Central "Y" Theatre-Hudson & Ft. Greene Pls., Bklyn. Tickets 50c.

THE UNITY QUARTET presents "A Night in a Cabaret." Featuring Al Hammer, M.C. Maudie, Phil Lead, Edna Gessler, Phil Feldman and Unity Singers. 8 P.M. Keynote Club, 201 W. 52nd St., NYC. Sub. 35c. Aup. Discussion Circle.

LET'S ALL BE IRISH Tonight! Commemorative Easter Rebellion Best Irish and American Music. Dancing. Entertainment. Ser. Large Ad. 8:30 P.M. Tickets 50c at 30 E. 12th St. Bookshop; 50c at door. Spacious Studios, 122 W. 43rd St., NYC.

DANCE FOR DISABLED Lincoln Brigade Vets. Entertainment by Ed. Kogan and others. Potts Club, 123 W. 14th St., NYC. Sub. 35c. Aup. East Bronx Chapter, Friends of Lincoln Brigade.

RELAX WITH TACIS Swell Entertainment. 8:30 P.M. at the Anna Sokolow Studios, 5 East 19th St., NYC. Dancing, Refreshments. Sub. 40c. Aup. Dance Unit School.

CONVENTION CELEBRATION-Send-off Picnic for Delegates. Dance to Bernard Wolfe's Orchestra. Guest Stars Group Theatre. 8:30 P.M. Union Auditorium, 230 W. 28th St., NYC.

PROSPECT CENTER Concert & Dance. Two Mandolin Orchestra: Mira Slavenska will dance "Sergei's Murder." Others: C. Carr's Band. 9 P.M. 1157 Southern Blvd., NYC.

CALLING ALL YCLERS. Rev. Wendell Phillips and Dances. 4:30 P.M. 67 Stevenson Pl., NYC. Come Hungry, Thirsty and Boxy. Jerome Train to Moshulu. Adm. 50c. Aup. Nathan Hale YCL.

"PLANT IN THE SUN." by Ben Bongal. Tom Paine Players-Director, Jules Lieberman. Dance to Music of Chick Hearn. 7:30 P.M. Adm. 50c. 564 Hopkinson Ave., Bklyn. Aup. Club Tom Paine, IWO TD 180.

BARN DANCE and Entertainment. 8 P.M. Center, Ave. N and East 14th St., NYC.

Let's all be Irish TOMORROW NIGHT Swing or Jig, Irish and American Entertainment. Spacious Studio, 122 W. 43rd Street. Tickets 40c at Bookshop, 50c at 12th St. 50c at door. Aup. Sean Murray Br. C.P.

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SPORTS DAILY WORKER SPORTS

NEW YORK, FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1939

Fast-Coming Abrams Seen Winner Tonite

Picked Over Balsamo in Hipp Feature; Spiegel Heavy Choice

By STAN KURMAN It's the old story of the vet and the kid when Harry Balsamo and George Abrams got together tonight in the feature 8-rounder at the Hippodrome. Each needs the win to stay near the top.

Balsamo was at the top flight a couple of years ago, heading for a middleweight title go. Then a series of losses to boxers who tied his right hand threat and Harlem's Belting Brakeman started to move down. Illness then forced Harry out of action for several months. This is his first go on the comeback trail and he'll have to win to stay up around the big time.

On the other hand, Abrams is a newcomer who showed as a clever all-around ringster when he licked Babe Orgovan in his debut here a few weeks ago. A loss for the Jewish kid from Washington, D. C., would be a serious setback to his title hopes.

Tommy Spiegel, a crack puncher despite his paralyzed leg, faces Maurice Arnault, French junior welter, in the semi-final 8. Spiegel is favored to add Arnault to his list of Hipp victims which includes Johnny Rinaldi (twice) and Primo Flores.

Two 6-rounders bring together Ollie White with Gene Gregory and Carlos (No-No) Cuevas against Allie Wolfe. In four, Joe Basora faces Nat Kadun and Texas Lee Harper takes on Joe AGito.

Hip tax scale from \$3.50 ringside down to a buck general admission.

RINGSIDE RAMBLES: Tommy Spiegel fight again Tuesday night at the Broadway Arena against Norman Quarles in the feature 8.

Mike Jacobs has arranged a swell supporting card to the Frankie Blair-Popeye Woods 10-round go at the Garden Wednesday night. . . . Slugging Pete Scalzo, Hell's Kitchen featherweight, takes on Al Mancini, who handed Canadian bantam champ Baby Yack his only local licking, in the 5-round semi. . . . then there is aggressive Joey Fontana who will try to turn the tables on Jack Sharkey, Jr., who has licked him twice, in another 5. . . . a third over the route brings together clever Allie Stolz with Ginger Foran, tough English lightweight.

"There is no more fundamental Party work than the building of the Daily Worker"--Earl Browder.

The I. W. O. Invites you to Join Now! at the reduced rates of 50c for a medical examination CELEBRATE with us, the Completion of our Membership Drive at the following "WIND-UP" PARTIES this week.

FRIDAY Lodge 497-1014 E. 181st St., Bronx. Lodge 920-381 Herz St., Bklyn. Lodge 603-Grand Plaza, 161st St. and Prospect Ave., Bronx. Lodge 817-2075-96th St., Bklyn. Lodge 716-77 Fifth Ave., N. Y. C.

SATURDAY Lodge 521-1872 Webster Ave., Bronx. Lodge 645-308 E. 149th St., Bronx. All meetings start at 9 P.M.

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Conceived and Arranged by ELIE SIEGMEISTER who will act as commentator SONGS OF Liberty, The Revolution, The Pioneers, Runaway Slaves, Lumberjacks, Railroad Cowboy, Negro Folk Songs, Songs of Democracy--Old and New.

MILTON KAYE, Pianist Guest Artist NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH 66 W. 12th St. Tickets at Metropolitan Music School, 68 E. 12th St.

TOMORROW NIGHT at 8:30 GALA CONVENTION CELEBRATION MORRIS CARNOVSKY, BUD ROHNEN, ELIA KAZAN from Group Theatre; BERNARD WOLFE, his Drama & Greek. Union Auditorium 230 W. 26 St., Sub. 30c. Benefit: Unemployed Mass Delegation, Aup. Local 173 Inc. - For "Workers Union

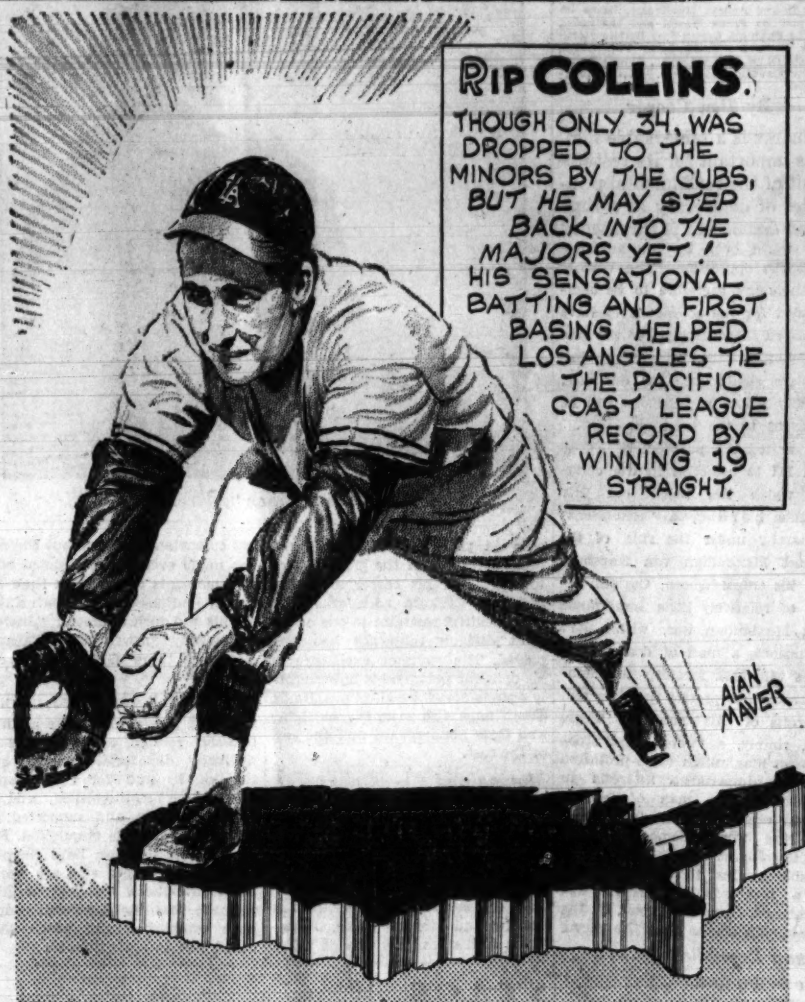
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GETTING HIS FOOT BACK ON BASE!



ACCORDING TO Sporting News, leading national baseball publication, Rip's "Sensational Coast Play Has Chi Asking Why Jim Was Fired."

Baseball Attendance Off

1st Ten Games See Total Drop of 149,604 For Big Leagues

By Lester Rodney

Baseball attendance, 149,604 behind that of a corresponding period last year, according to United Press, had the magnates scratching their heads today and looking for the reason.

Bad weather, which cut heavily into the opening game schedule, is responsible for some of it, but hardly all. The American League has suffered heaviest. In its first 25 games last year the American League had drawn 417,708. In its first 25 this year, it has drawn 312,287. That's games, not days, so the weather can't be blamed.

The obvious answer, pointed out long ago by the Daily Worker, is that the overwhelming and obvious superiority of the Yankees to the other American League has killed off a lot of interest in that circuit. Fans tire of watching a perfect machine in action without competition, and the fourth straight year of it is too much. And if the champs continue their early runaway pace they'll probably be all but "in" around July, which will deal a heavy blow to further attendance around the circuit, though the Stadium would do well with the World's Fair crowds in Gotham.

National League attendance is 44-183 behind in total games played. In its first 26 games last year it pulled 373,000 to 328,820 this year. Though the effects of the Yankee superiority are not as direct in the National, they're still considerable. No National League fans are kidding themselves about their heroes having a look-in with the Yanks in the Series even if they do win the N. L. gongoliam. And that's not a thought conducive to wild enthusiasm.

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WHY The Big Drop in Baseball Attendance? -- And What to Do About It -- See Article On This Page

Reds End Cubs' Early Streak; Cards, Bees Cop; Local Games Off

Another day of threatening weather yesterday kept our local heroes idle as the Giant-Dodger and Yankee-Red Sox battles were called. But the rest of both leagues swung into action with interesting results.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	5	2	.714
Cincinnati	4	2	.667
Boston	5	3	.625
Philadelphia	4	3	.571
St. Louis	4	3	.571
NEW YORK	3	4	.429
BROOKLYN	2	4	.333
Pittsburgh	1	7	.125

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
NEW YORK	5	1	.833
Detroit	5	4	.556
Chicago	4	4	.500
Boston	3	3	.500
St. Louis	3	3	.500
Cleveland	3	4	.429
Washington	2	4	.333
Philadelphia	2	5	.286

GAMES TODAY			
Brooklyn at Philadelphia	2:15		
Chicago at Cincinnati	3:15		
Boston at Philadelphia	3:15		
Pittsburgh at St. Louis	3:15		

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New York at Boston	6:00		
St. Louis at Cleveland	6:00		
Philadelphia at Washington	6:00		
Detroit at Chicago	6:00		

SCORES			
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Chicago	110	000	3 2 1
Cincinnati	200	100	08 11 13 4
French, Page, Russell and Mancuso			
Derringer and Lombardi			
Boston	001	000	010 5 10 1
Philadelphia	000	000	000 0 1 2 3
MacFayden, Shofner (8), Early (3) and Lopez; Hollingworth, Peindler (3), Burk (4), Smith (4) and Miller.			
Pittsburgh	011	100	001 01 5 9 1
St. Louis	010	010	101 05 6 10 2
McGee (10) and Owen, Franks (10).			
BROOKLYN AT NEW YORK, POSTPONED, WET GROUNDS.			

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Philadelphia	001	000	020 8 9 1
Washington	121	100	01x 6 13 2
Caster, Dean (3) and Wagner, Hayes (3), Leonard and R. Perrell.			
St. Louis	102	100	000 4 7 1
Maroon and Sullivan; Hollio, Minors (9) and Rybak.			
Detroit	000	000	100 00 0 1 0 2
Chicago	000	000	100 00 1 2 3 2
Benton, Lynn (19) and Tebbetts; Knott, Brown (8) and Silvestri.			
NEW YORK AT BOSTON, POSTPONED, COLD WEATHER.			

Homers: Heath, Cleveland (A) Goodman, Cincinnati (N) Simmons, Boston (N) Mize, St. Louis (N) Gehring, Detroit (A)

Fight Pix: George Abrams to edge out Harry Balsamo and Tommy Spiegel to stop Maurice Arnault in the Hipp feature tonight, says "Daily" file expert Stan Kurman.

Readers Ask for More! Like Girl Sports Scribe

As a noble experiment the sports editor assigned a girl reporter to cover the boxing bouts at the Hippodrome last week. Her article in the Monday Daily Worker brought the following response.

In next Monday's issue Frances gives the woman's reaction to a big league baseball game.

The letters: 162-11 86th Road Jamaica, New York Miss Frances Schacht, c/o Sports Editor, Dear Miss Schacht:

It is indeed a revelation to discover that a woman reporter is at last being given leave to report on sport events which women have long accepted as a form of entertainment. And it is particularly pleasant

when the reporter turns out to be one possessing the qualities of such good writing: interest, clarity, vividness, and individuality of style.

The article in yesterday's Daily Worker was swell. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely yours, Miss ANN SOLOMON 128 E. 23rd St. Sports Dep't. Dear Miss or Mrs:

If you really are one of the fair sex I wish you would prove it by attaching a picture of yourself in your forthcoming reports of fistie events. As a matter of fact, if you REALLY ARE one of the she-male sex, why not give us some reports on a variety of sports.

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Those hapless Pittsburgh Pirates, starting in reverse this year, thought they had a bal game, when they scored a run in the first of the 11th inning at St. Louis, but back came the Cards with two off rookie Sewell to send the Bucs deeper into the National League cellar with a record of 1 and 7 and lift the wolf howl for Pie Traynor's scalp a little earlier than usual.

PHILS MISS LEAD At Philadelphia, the Phils just missed